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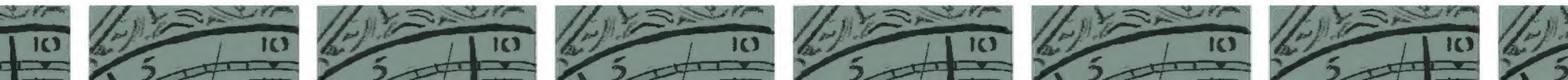
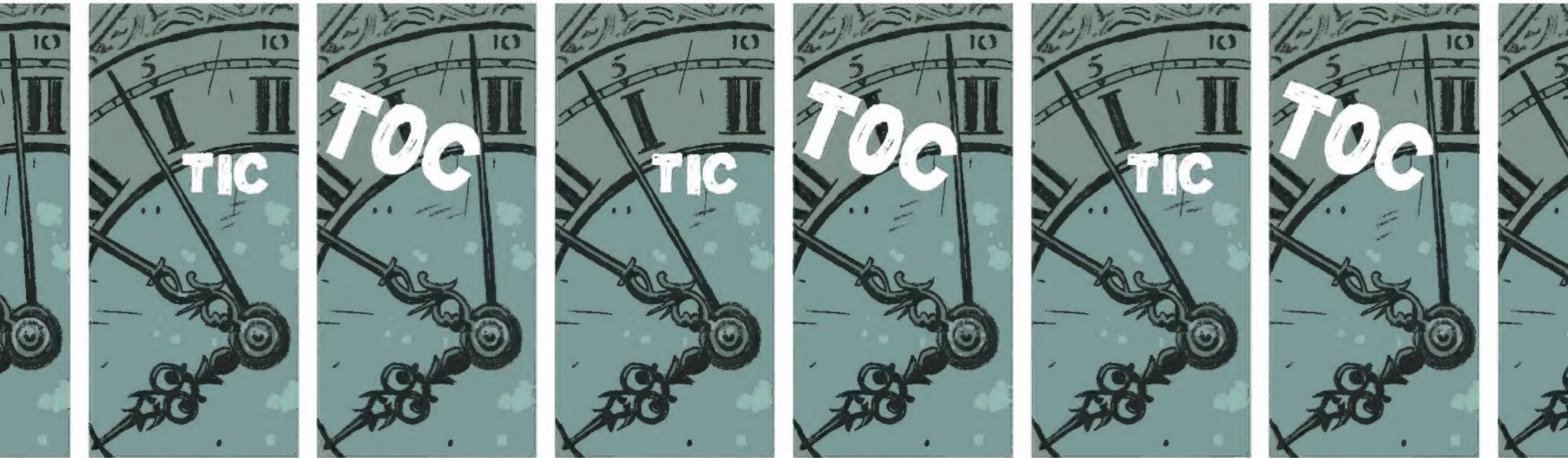
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BEFORE
THAT, A VIRUS
KILLED OFF
99.9% OF
THE HUMAN
POPULATION.

CRACKBOOM!



THINGS GREW
WILD ON THE
CONCRETE.



OVER THE WINTER
IT WAS (what else?)
AN UNEXPECTED
ICE AGE.

FROM MY WINDOW I
WATCHED A DOOMED
PARTY GO OUT.

BLAM!
BLAM!



OR WAS THE
ICE AGE TWO
YEARS AGO?

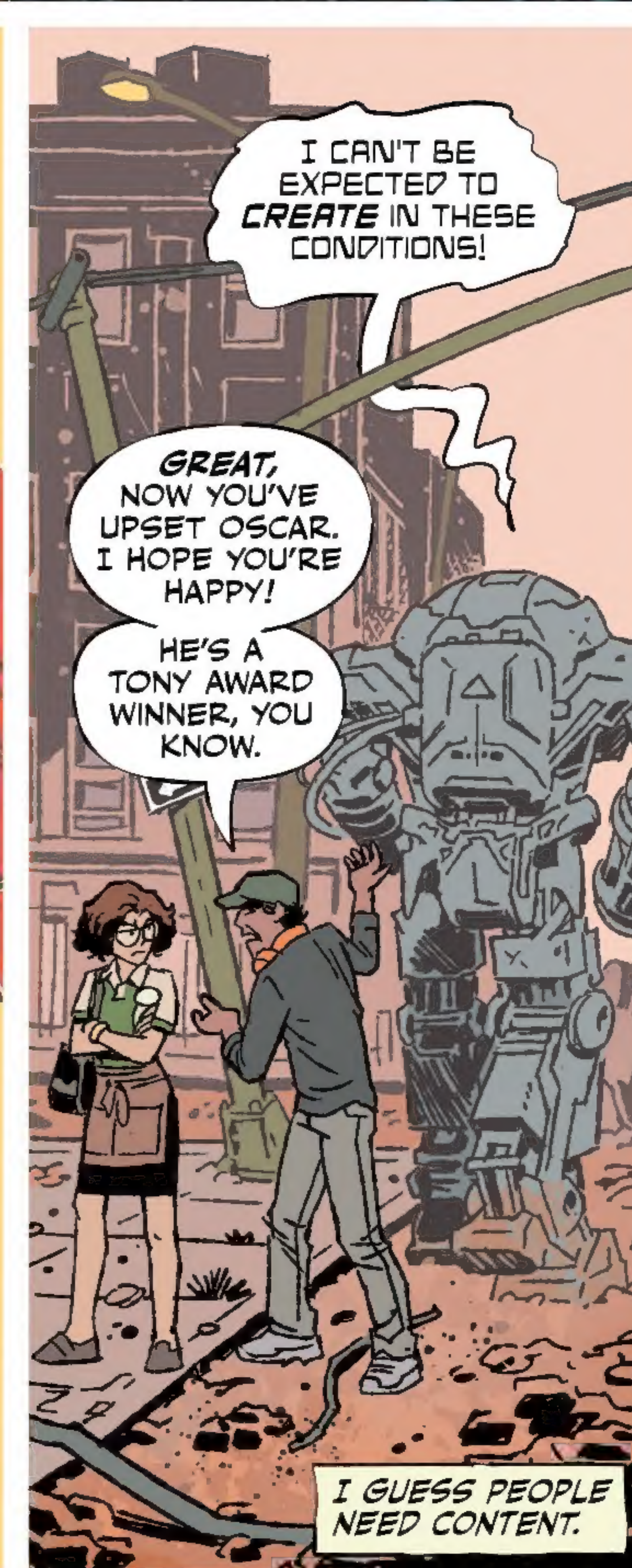
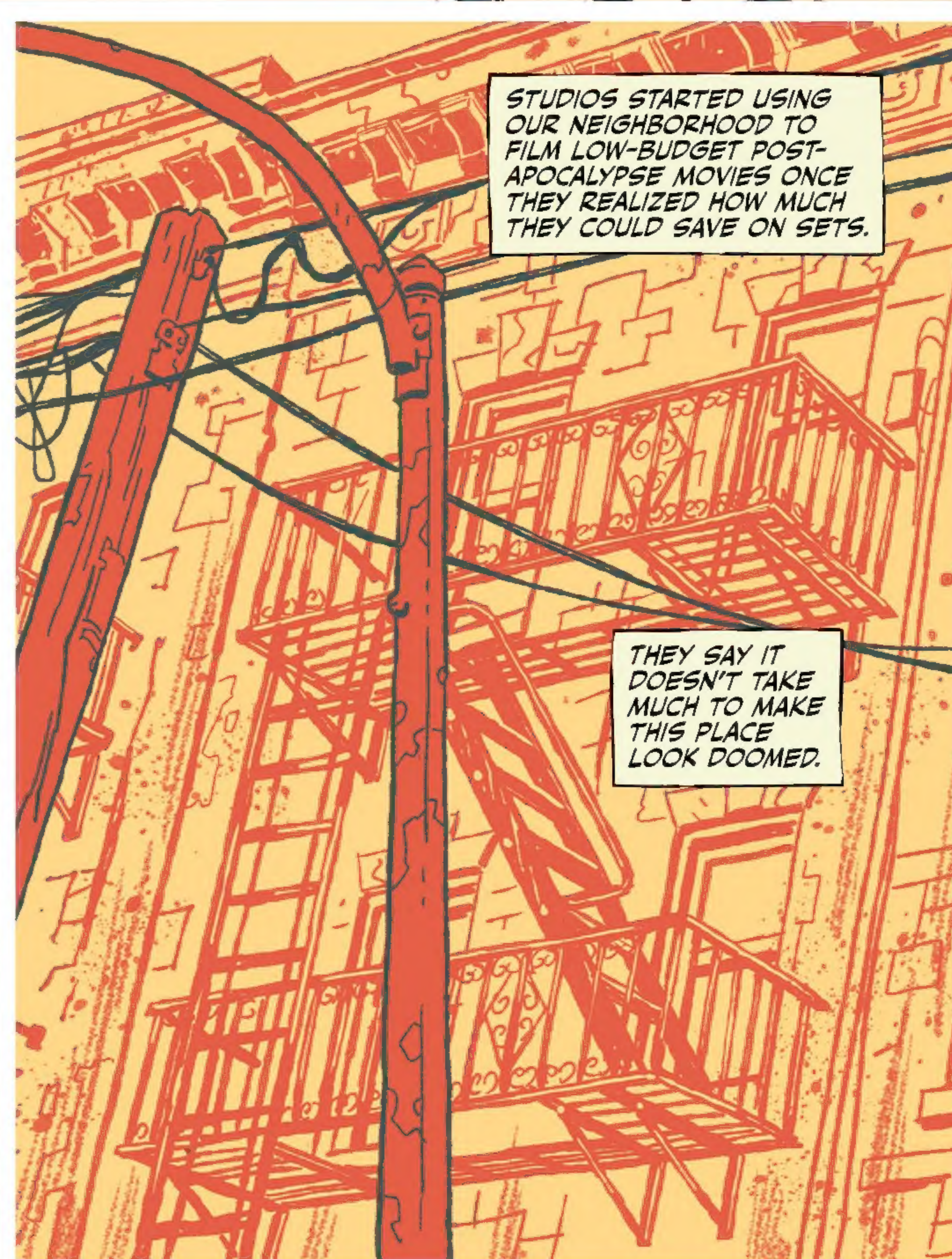
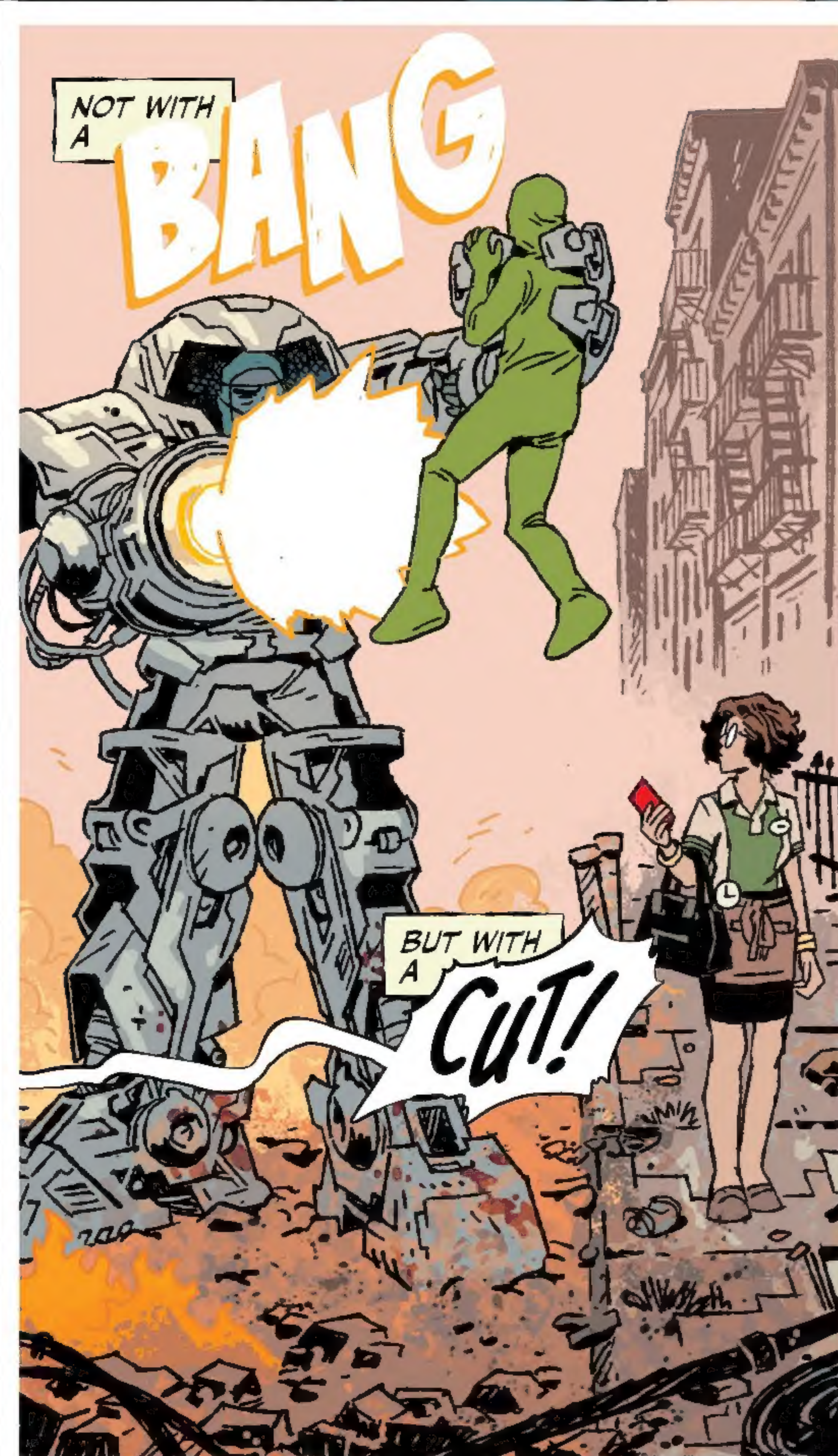


BLAM!

LIKE I SAID,
I CAN'T
KEEP TRACK.

DESTROY!
DESTROY!

THIS IS
HOW THE
WORLD
ENDS.





THOSE EXPLOSIONS MADE OUR **WHOLE BUILDING** SHAKE. YOU BROKE MY CLOCK, MAN!

YOUR **CLOCK?**

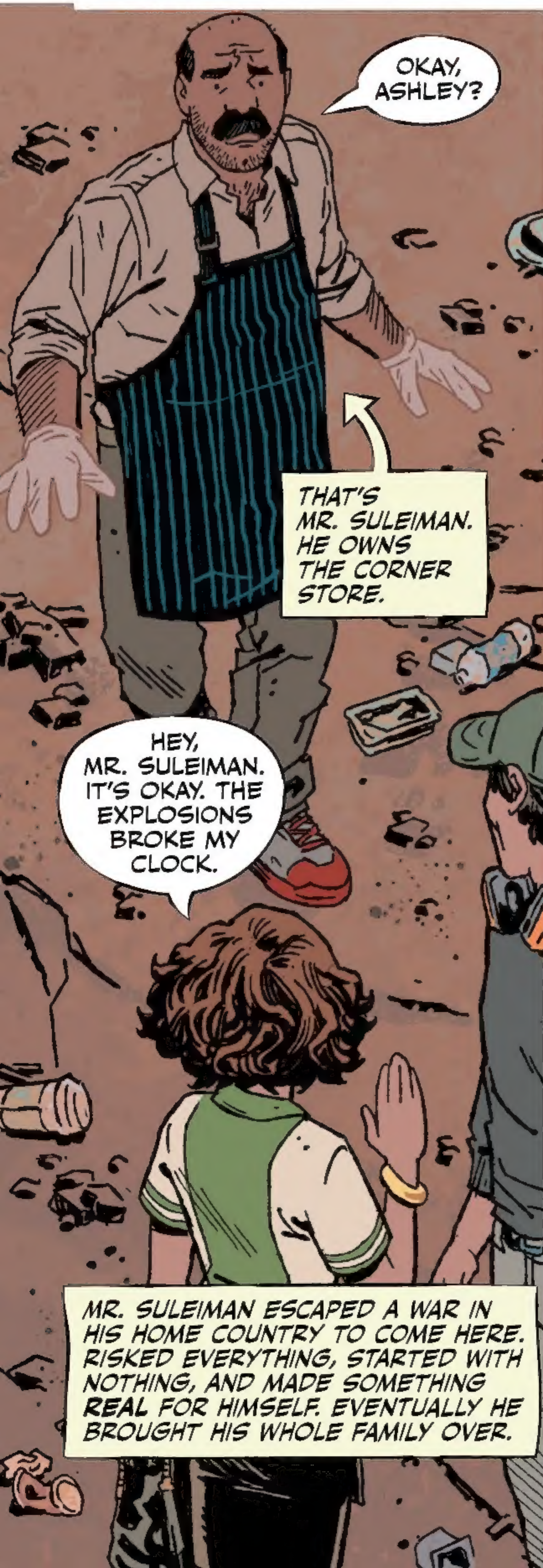


IT'S GOT... *sentimental* value.



Humph!

WE'RE MAKING ART HERE, LADY! LIVE AMMO IS ESSENTIAL FOR **VERISIMILITUDE!**



OKAY, ASHLEY?

THAT'S MR. SULEIMAN. HE OWNS THE CORNER STORE.

HEY, MR. SULEIMAN. IT'S OKAY. THE EXPLOSIONS BROKE MY CLOCK.



THE WHOLE DAY THEY MAKE "**BOOM BOOM BOOM.**" THE KIDS, NO SLEEP. NO EAT. HIDE UNDER BED. **WHOLE DAY.**

VERY BAD. VERY BAD REMEMORIES.



Oh, MR. SULEIMAN. I DIDN'T EVEN THINK--

ALL EIGHT OF THEM LIVE TOGETHER IN A TINY APARTMENT ABOVE THE STORE. HE SAYS HE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.



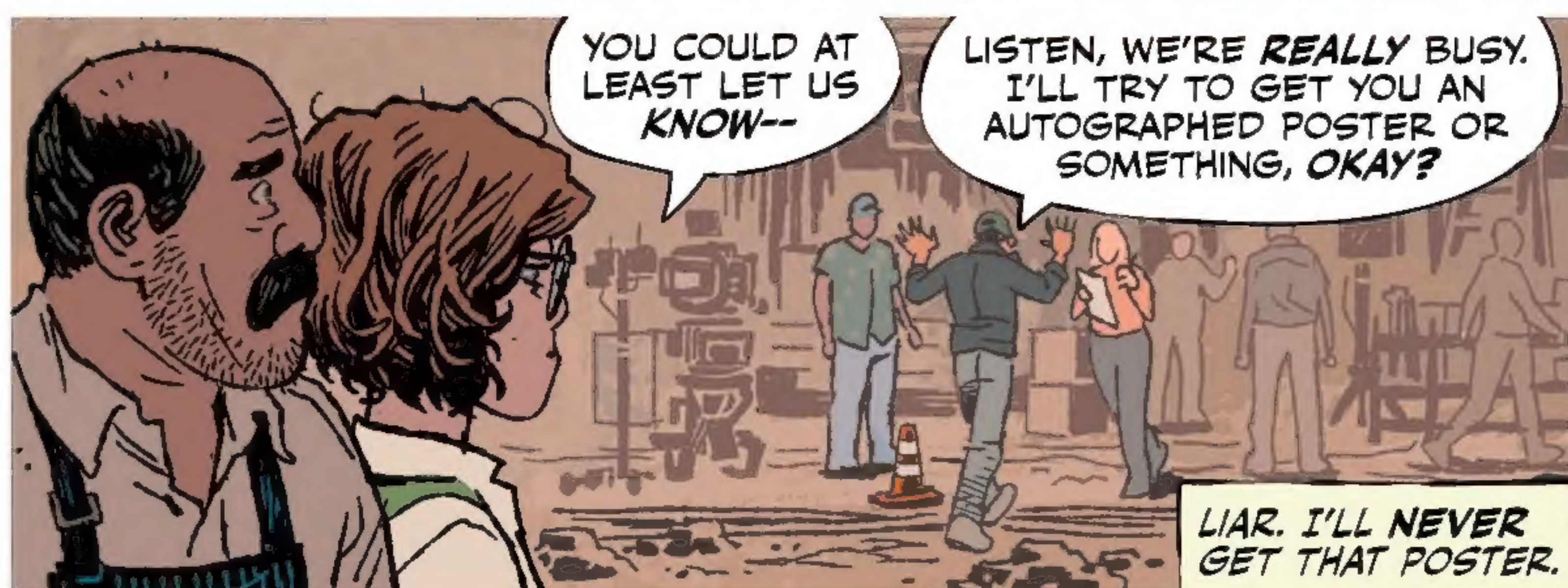
SEE? YOU CAN'T JUST SET OFF EXPLOSIONS ALL DAY! PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO LIVE HERE!

A STORY LIKE THAT IS ALMOST ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU THINK THINGS CAN ACTUALLY GET BETTER. IF WE TRY HARD ENOUGH.



WE HAVE A **PERMIT.** TAKE IT UP WITH THE CITY.

I GUESS THERE'S NO ESCAPING REALITY, THOUGH.



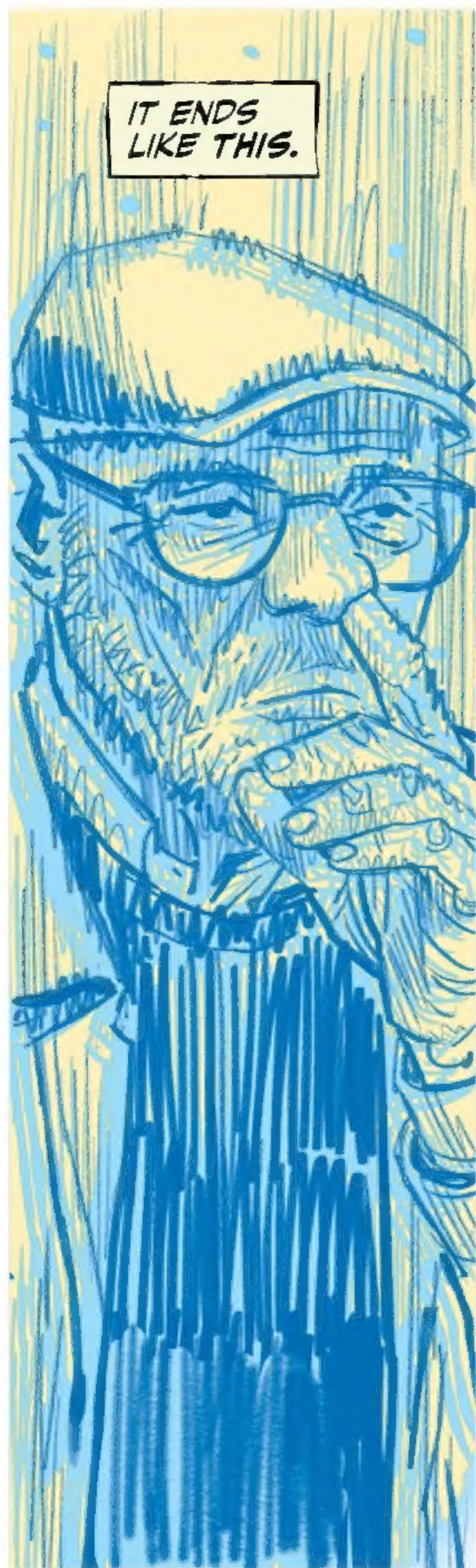
YOU COULD AT LEAST LET US **KNOW--**

LISTEN, WE'RE **REALLY** BUSY. I'LL TRY TO GET YOU AN AUTOGRAPHED POSTER OR SOMETHING, **OKAY?**

LIAR. I'LL NEVER GET THAT POSTER.

MR. SULEIMAN ESCAPED A WAR IN HIS HOME COUNTRY TO COME HERE. RISKED EVERYTHING, STARTED WITH NOTHING, AND MADE SOMETHING REAL FOR HIMSELF. EVENTUALLY HE BROUGHT HIS WHOLE FAMILY OVER.





IT ENDS
LIKE THIS.



Oh,
PLEASE!
PLEASE
HELP US!

S CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS



Oh,
Eugene, my
Eugene...!

SS CRIME SCENE

NOT HOW
YOU EXPECT.



HELP!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG
WITH MY
HUSBAND!

CRIME SCENE

IT HAPPENED
GRADUALLY, WHICH
IS FUNNY, BECAUSE
THAT MEANS
"OVER TIME."



THEY
WON'T DO
ANYTHING! MY
EUGENE!

AND THAT'S
EXACTLY RIGHT,
IT HAPPENED
OVER TIME.



THEY'VE GOT
DIFFERENT
NAMES FOR IT--

--CHRONAL EROSION,
TOTAL TEMPORAL
COLLAPSE, MANIFOLD
INSTABILITY.

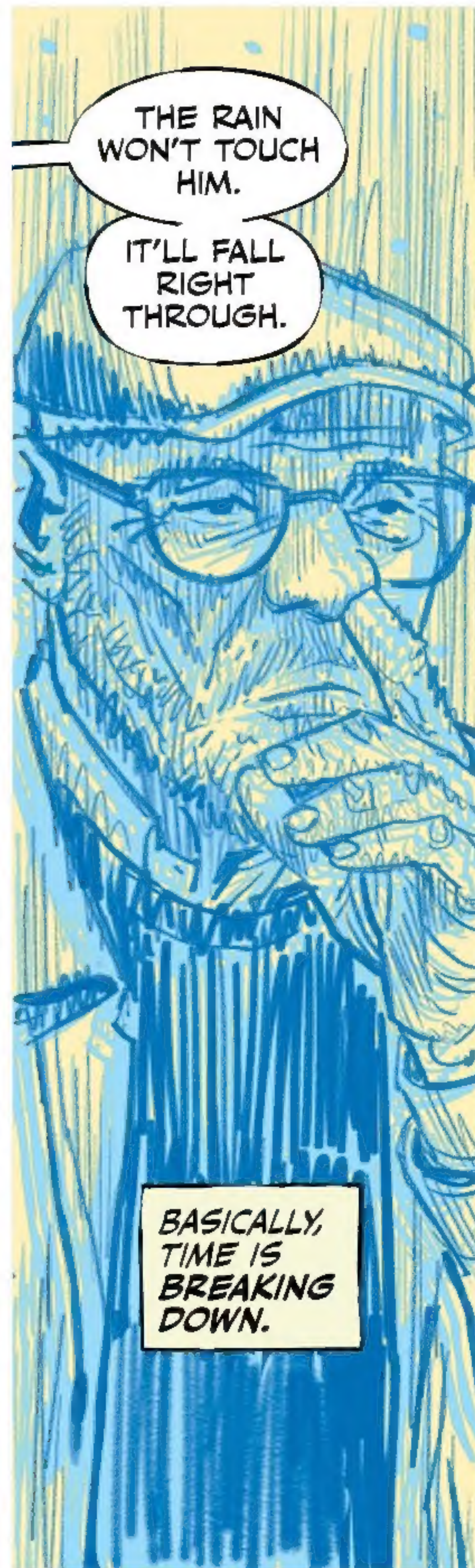
MA'AM, THIS IS
A VERIFIED A.T.P.
HE'S NOT PHYSICALLY
HERE. WE COULDN'T
MOVE HIM IF WE
TRIED.

DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE DO NOT



IT'S
SUPPOSED
TO RAIN
TOMORROW.
HE'LL GET ALL
WET AND
CATCH HIS
DEATH...

NO
MA'AM,
HE WON'T
GET
WET.



THE RAIN
WON'T TOUCH
HIM.

IT'LL FALL
RIGHT
THROUGH.

BASICALLY,
TIME IS
BREAKING
DOWN.



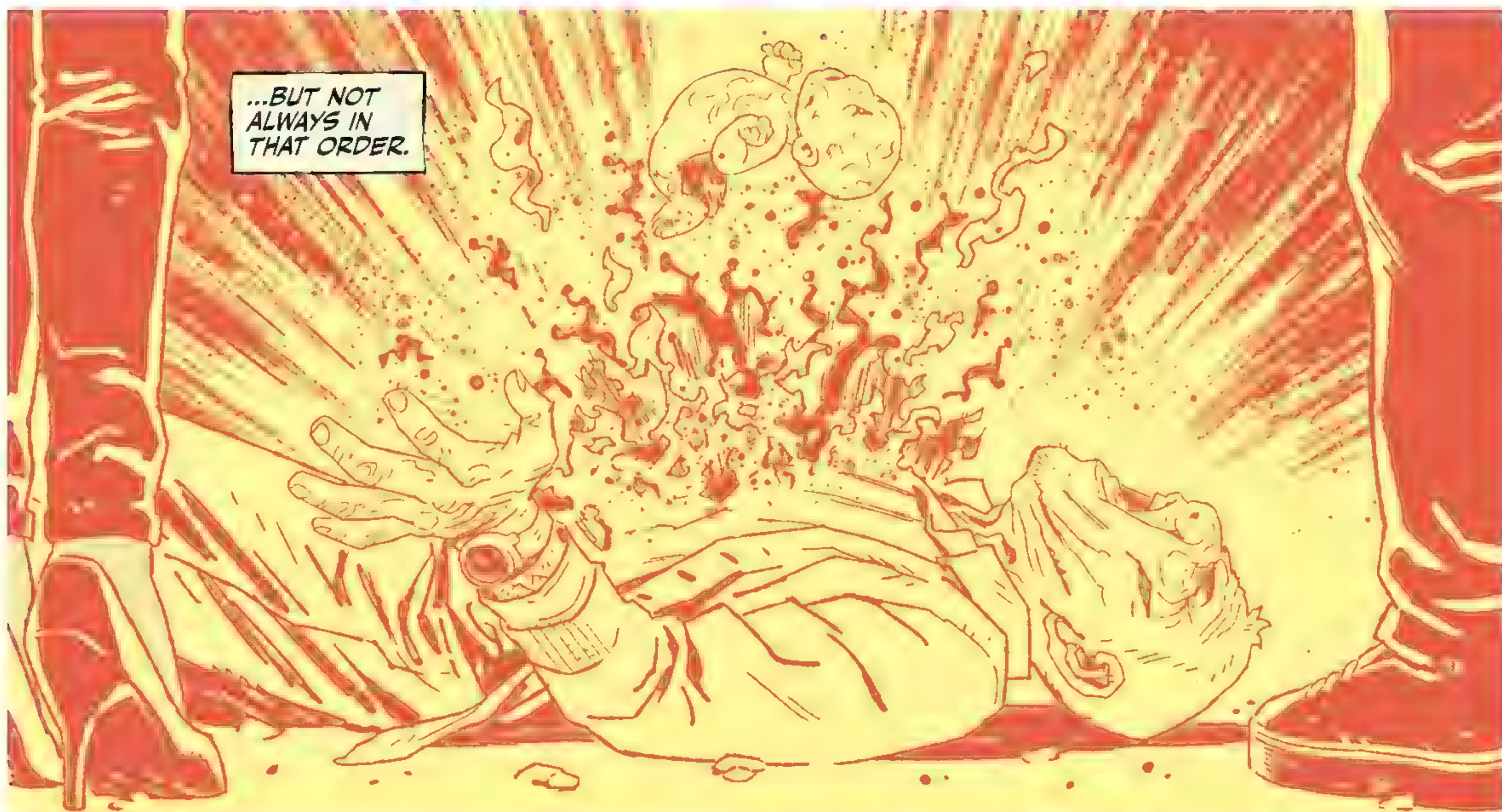


IT MEANS EVERYTHING'S ALL MIXED UP. THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ARE...

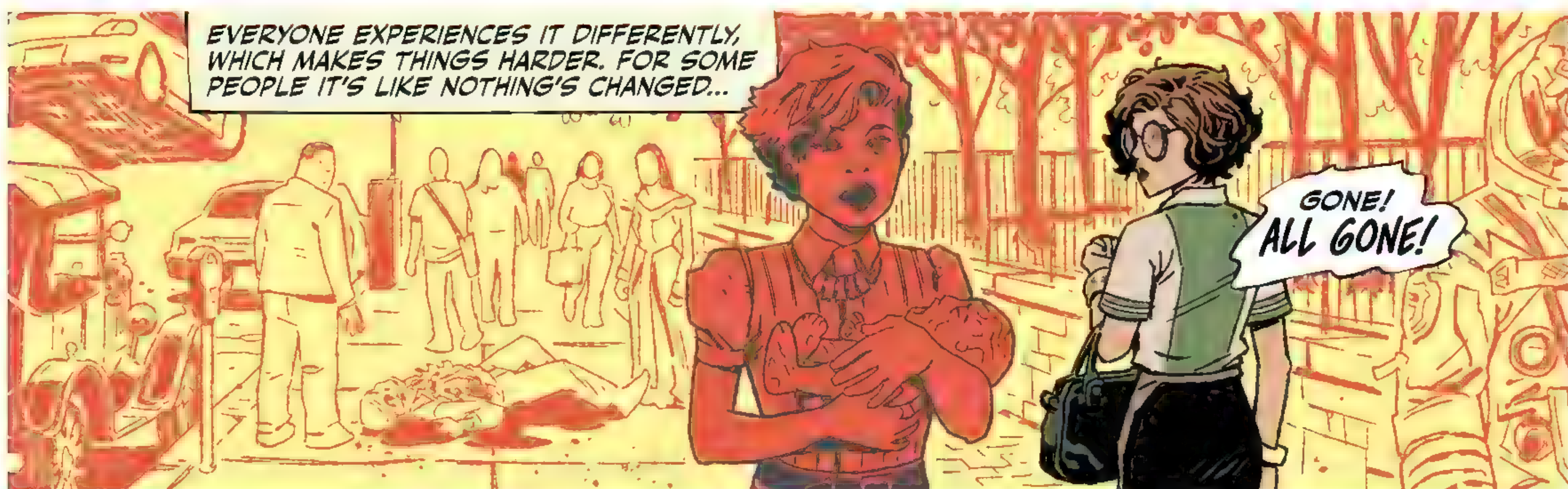
...CONFUSED. HIGHLY TECHNICAL.



PEOPLE ARE STILL BORN, GROW OLD, AND DIE...



...BUT NOT ALWAYS IN THAT ORDER.



EVERYONE EXPERIENCES IT DIFFERENTLY, WHICH MAKES THINGS HARDER. FOR SOME PEOPLE IT'S LIKE NOTHING'S CHANGED...

GONE! ALL GONE!



FIRST KISSES, AND COUSINS, AND SKY-LINES CROSSING SOLAR SYSTEMS...!

...OTHERS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.



THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE LIKE THIS POPPING UP. SCREAMING ON SIDEWALKS ABOUT TERRIBLE FUTURES...

BATHTUBS AND BOOKSTORES AND BREATHABLE AIR...

...LOST, ALL LOST...!

...WARNING OF VAGUE, COMING CALAMITIES.



CRISIS!

CRISIS FOREVER, CRISIS FOR ALWAYS!

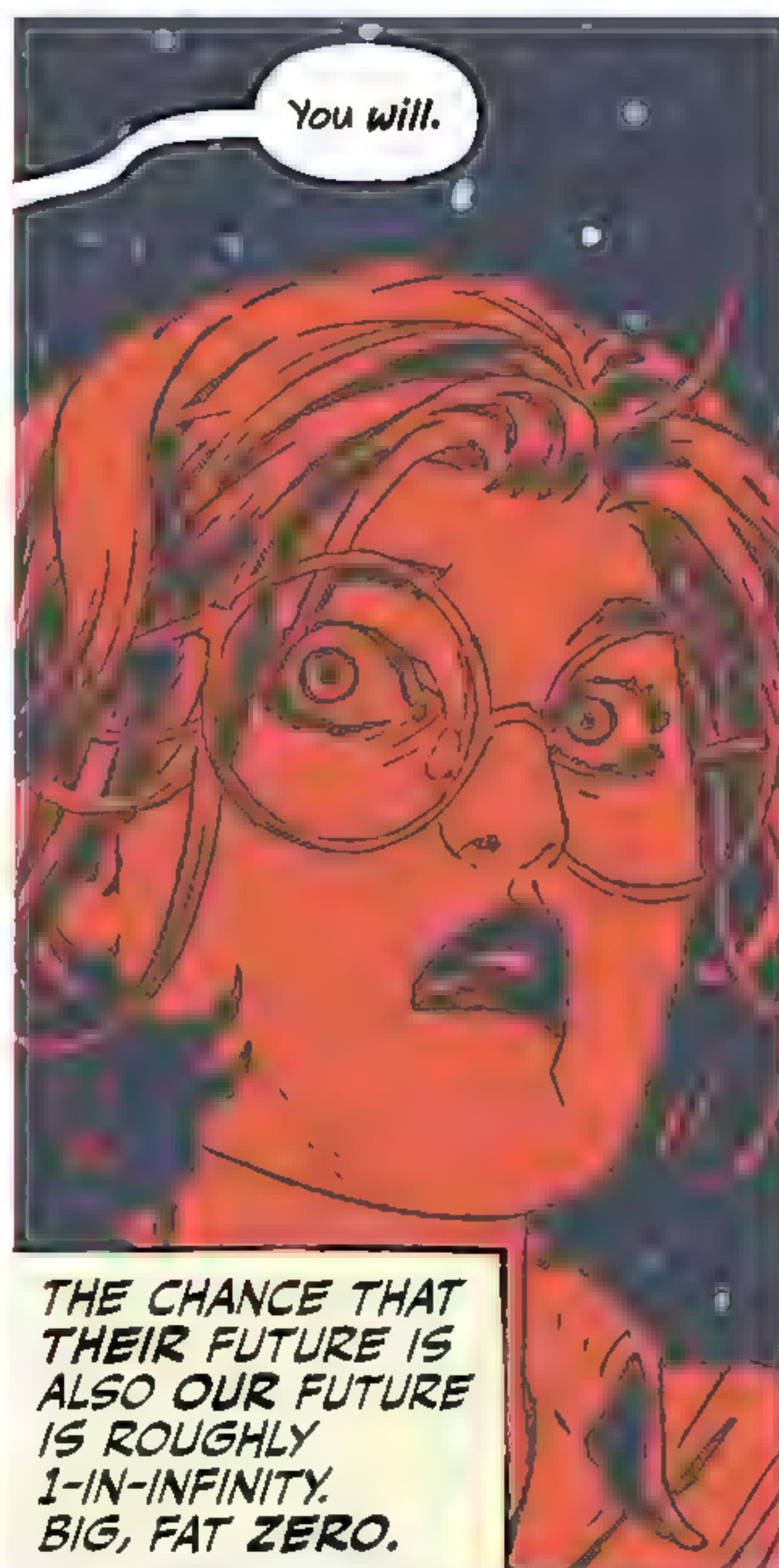
HEY!

PEOPLE WERE REALLY STARTING TO GET WORRIED, UNTIL THE POLITICIANS AND CELEBRITIES EXPLAINED.



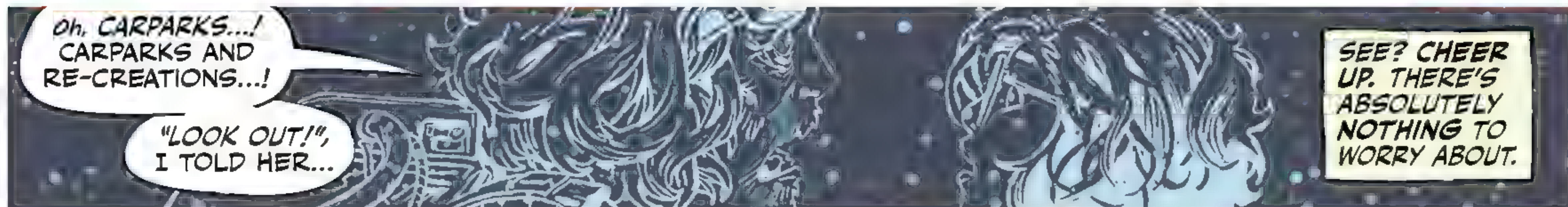
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A B325 SUPER-PLASMA BEAM DOES TO THE HUMAN BODY?

EVEN ASSUMING THESE PEOPLE ARE FROM THE FUTURE, THEY SAID, THEY'RE ONLY FROM ONE OF AN INFINITE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL FUTURES.



You will.

THE CHANCE THAT THEIR FUTURE IS ALSO OUR FUTURE IS ROUGHLY 1-IN-INFINITY. BIG, FAT ZERO.



Oh, CARPARKS...! CARPARKS AND RE-CREATIONS...!

"LOOK OUT!", I TOLD HER...

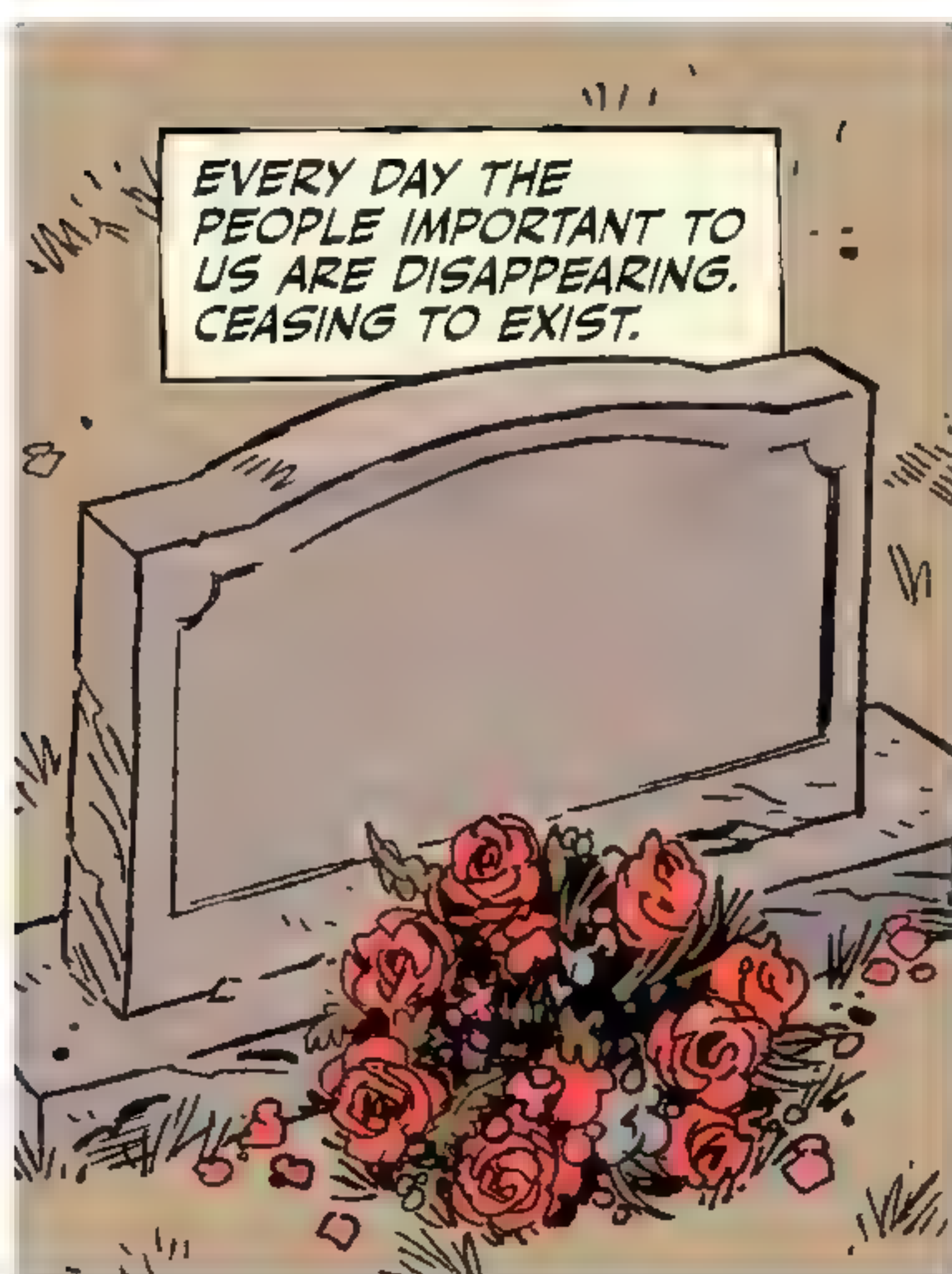
SEE? CHEER UP. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.



...look out...

WE'RE ALREADY SAVED.

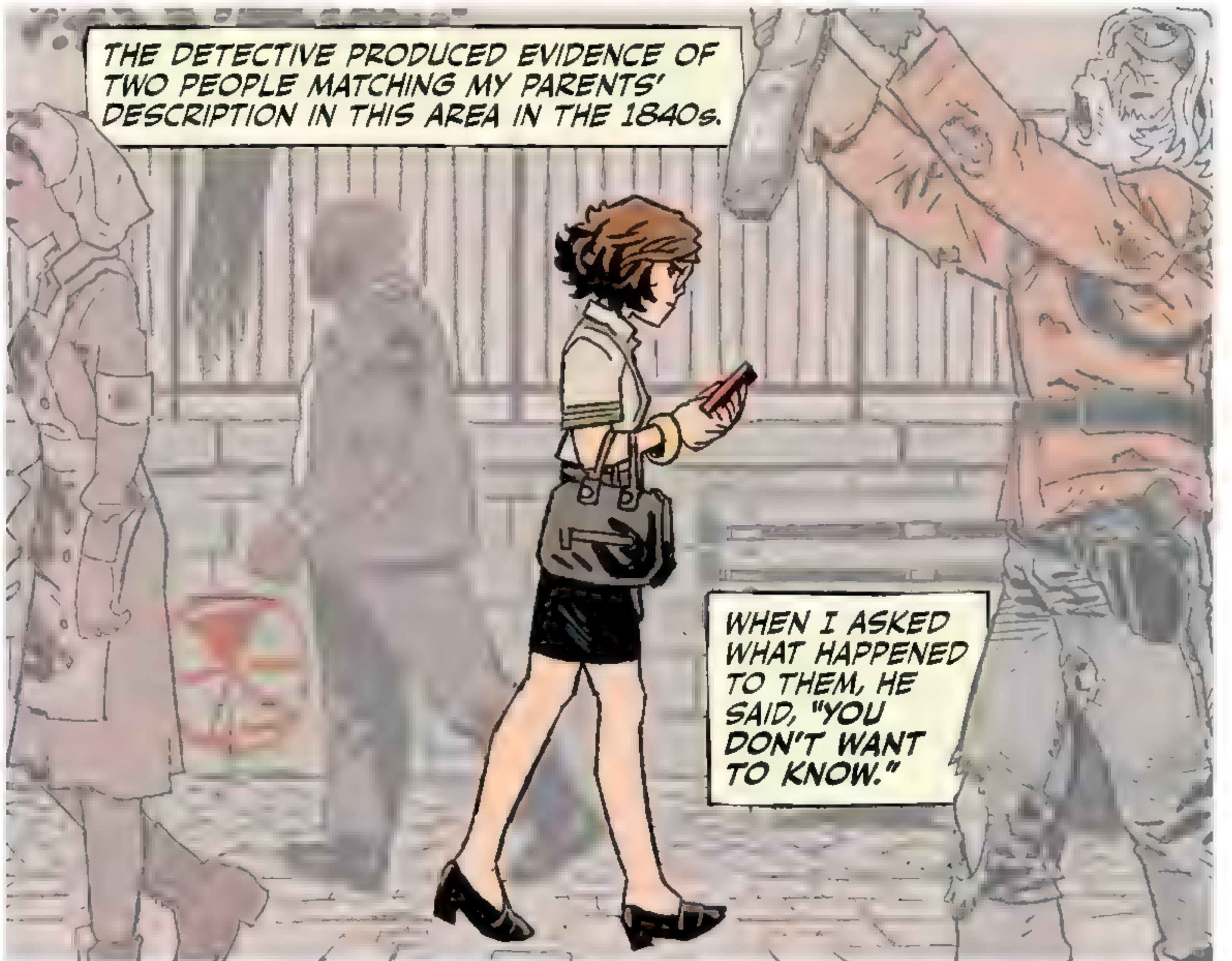
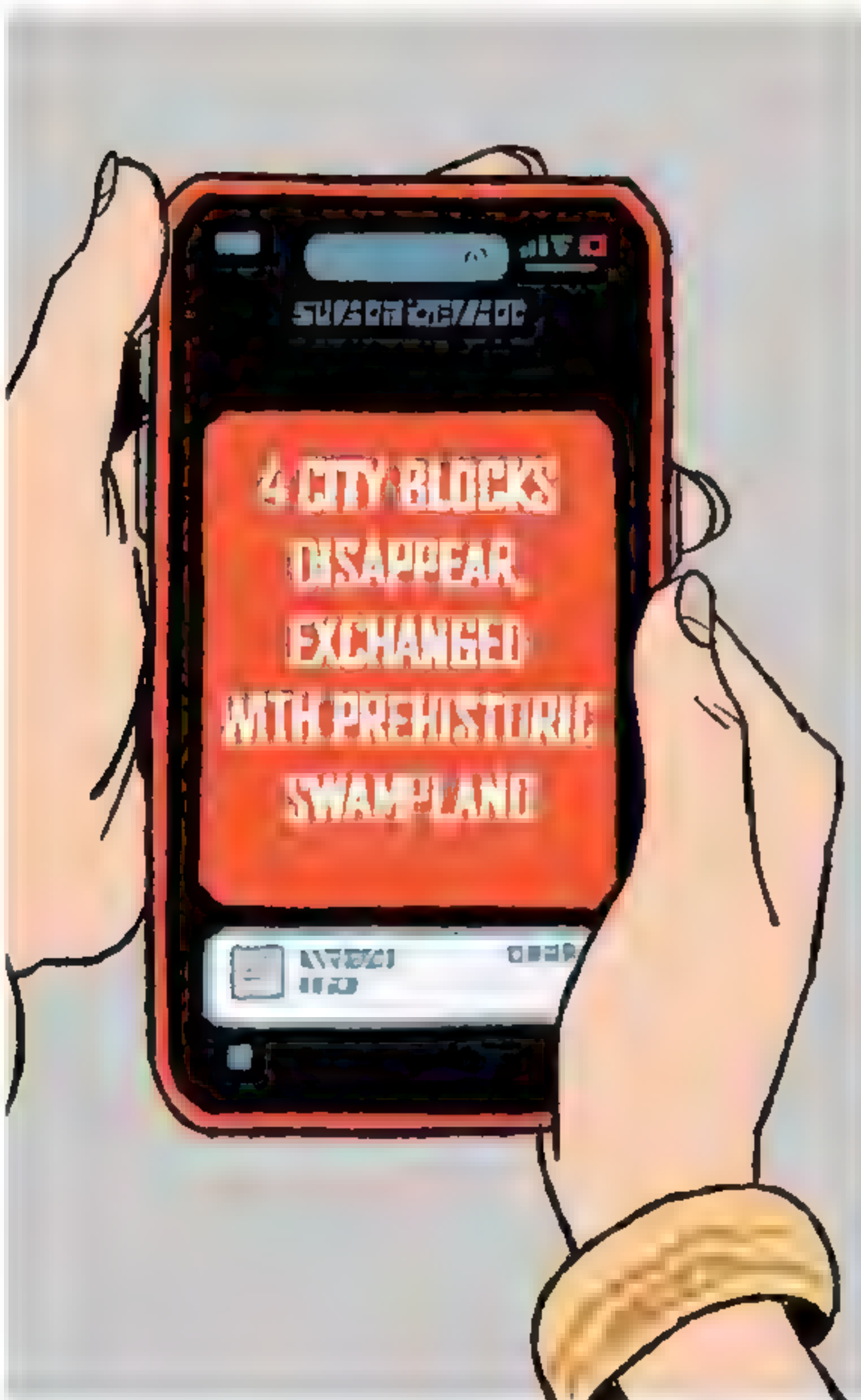






AFTER THEY WENT MISSING, I HIRED THE BEST PRIVATE DETECTIVE I COULD AFFORD TO FIND THEM.

HE HAD A REPUTATION FOR SATISFIED CUSTOMERS AND MAKING THINGS UP.



THE DETECTIVE PRODUCED EVIDENCE OF TWO PEOPLE MATCHING MY PARENTS' DESCRIPTION IN THIS AREA IN THE 1840s.

WHEN I ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, HE SAID, "YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW."

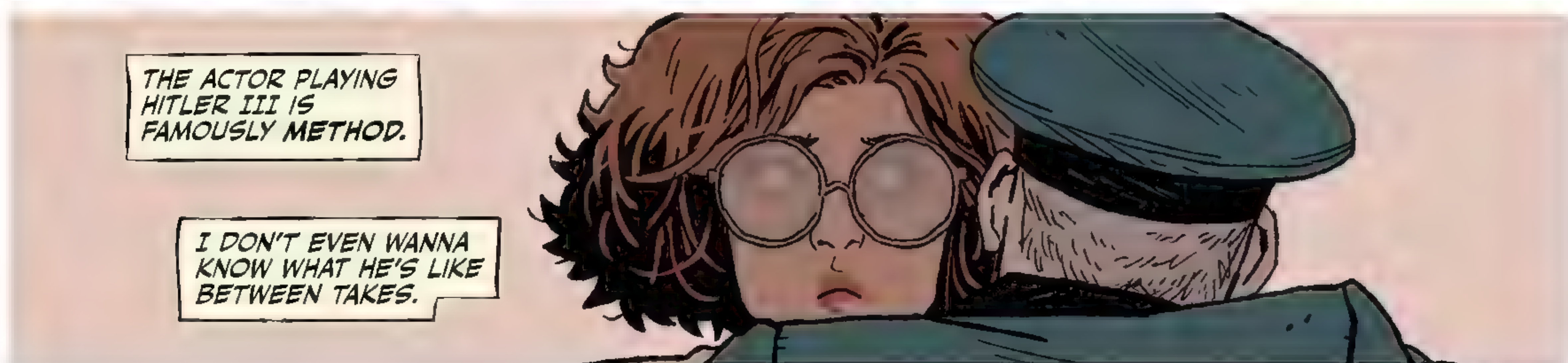
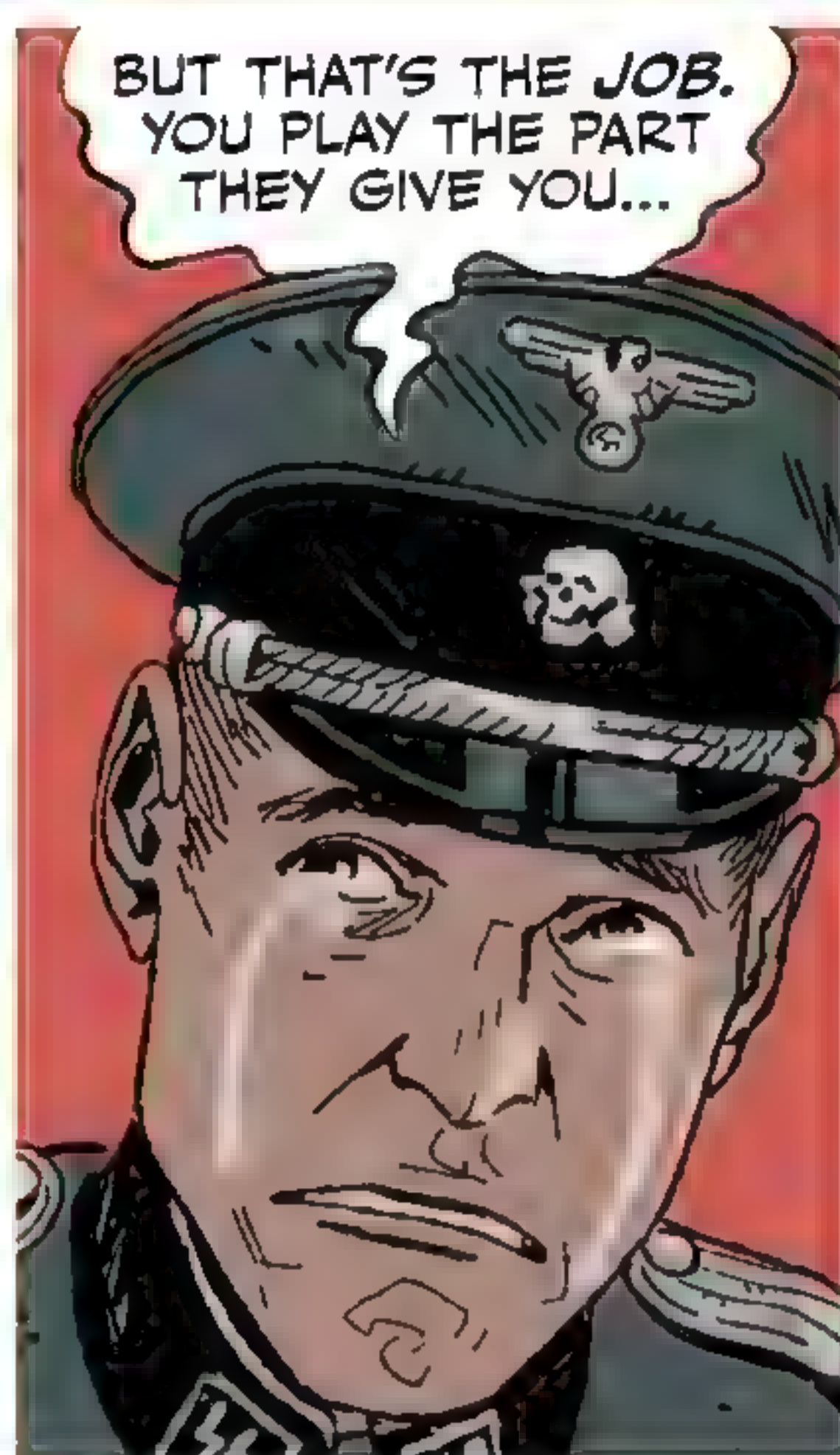


I DECIDED HE WAS RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT MAKES LIFE BEARABLE...

...NOT KNOWING.







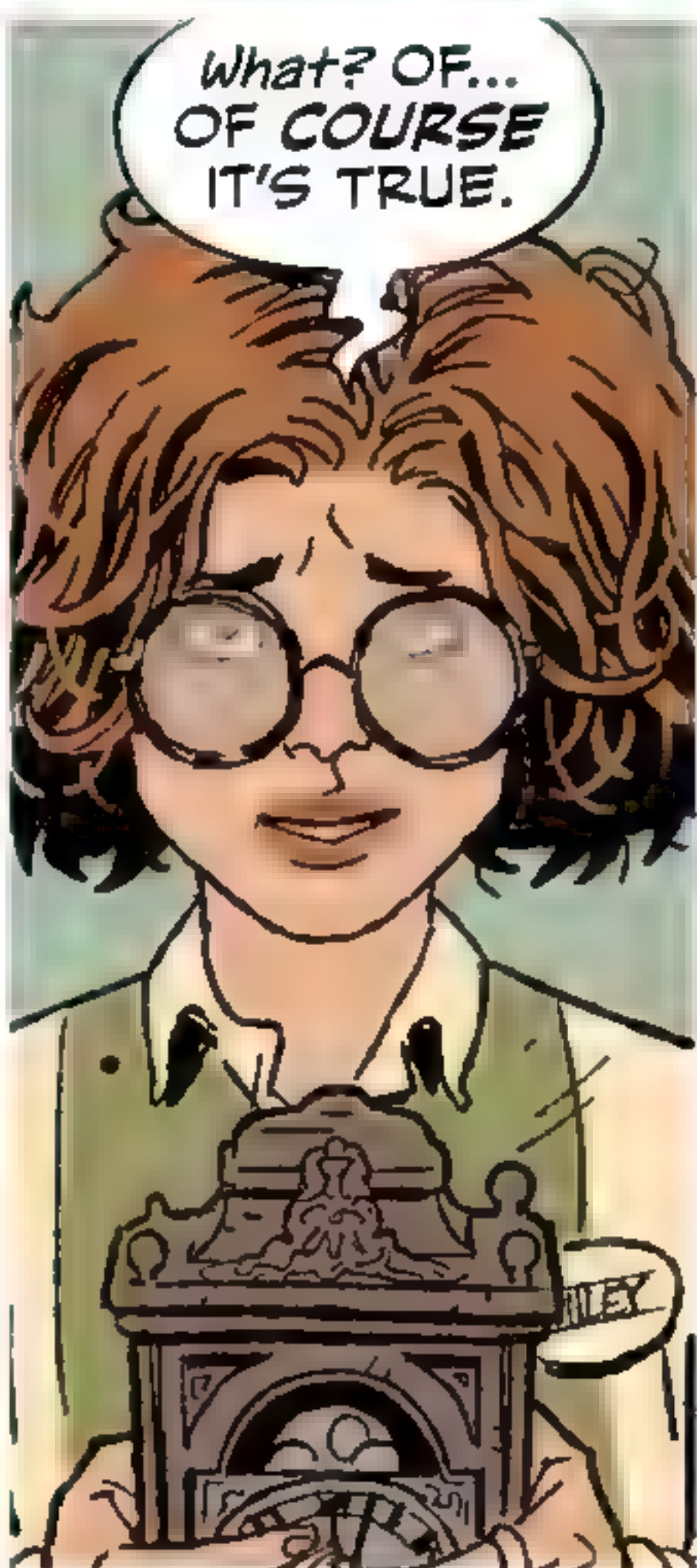


C'mon,
THAT'S
GOTTA BE
WORTH
YOUR
TIME.



IT
WOULD
BE...

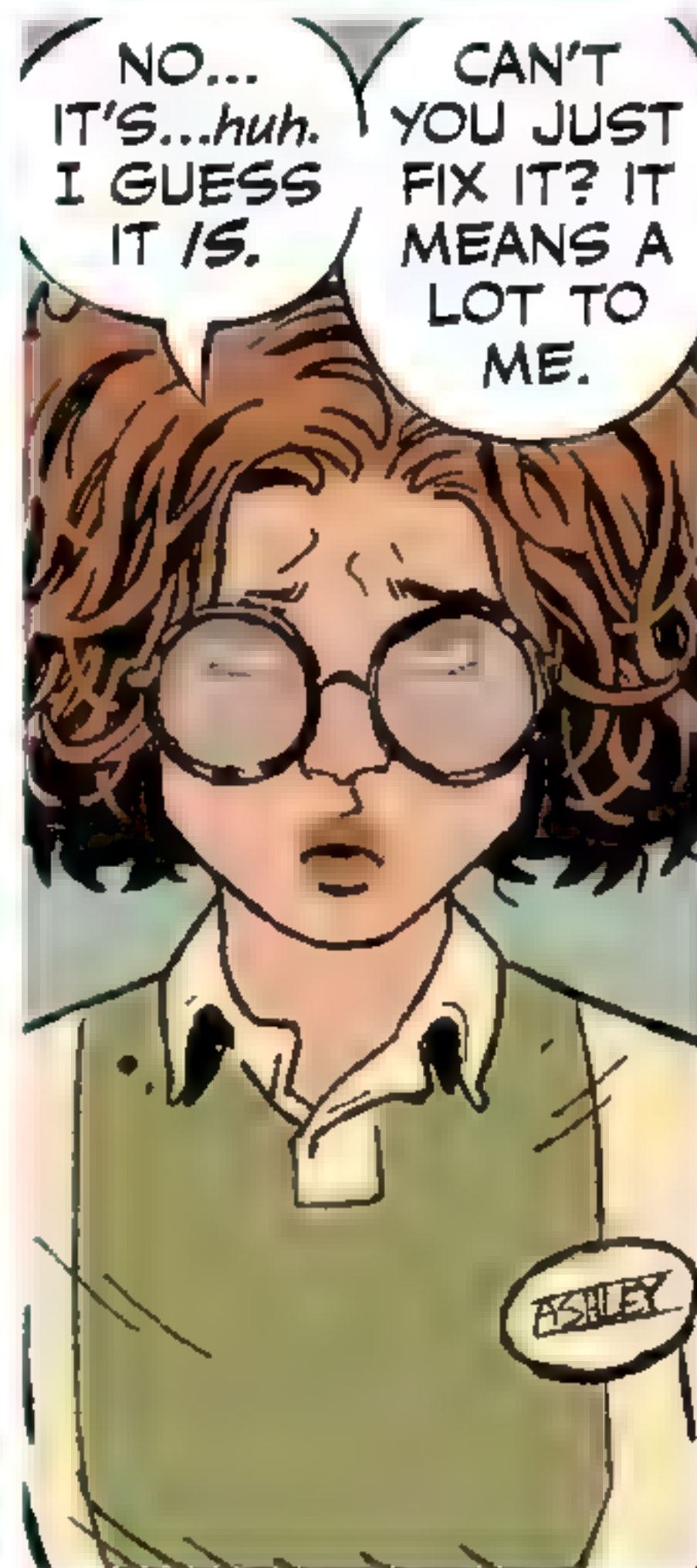
...IF
ANY OF
IT WERE
TRUE.



What? OF...
OF COURSE
IT'S TRUE.



IT'S THE
PLOT OF
BACK TO THE
FUTURE.



NO...
IT'S...huh.
I GUESS
IT IS.

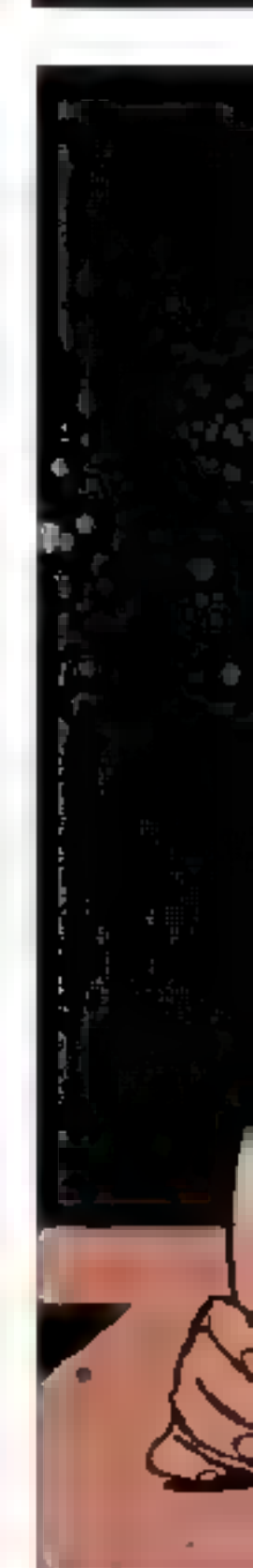
CAN'T
YOU JUST
FIX IT? IT
MEANS A
LOT TO
ME.



NEXT
TIME COME
BACK WITH
SOMETHING
ORIGINAL.



AND BY THE WAY...
I DIDN'T BUY YOUR
DELIVERY FOR A
MINUTE!

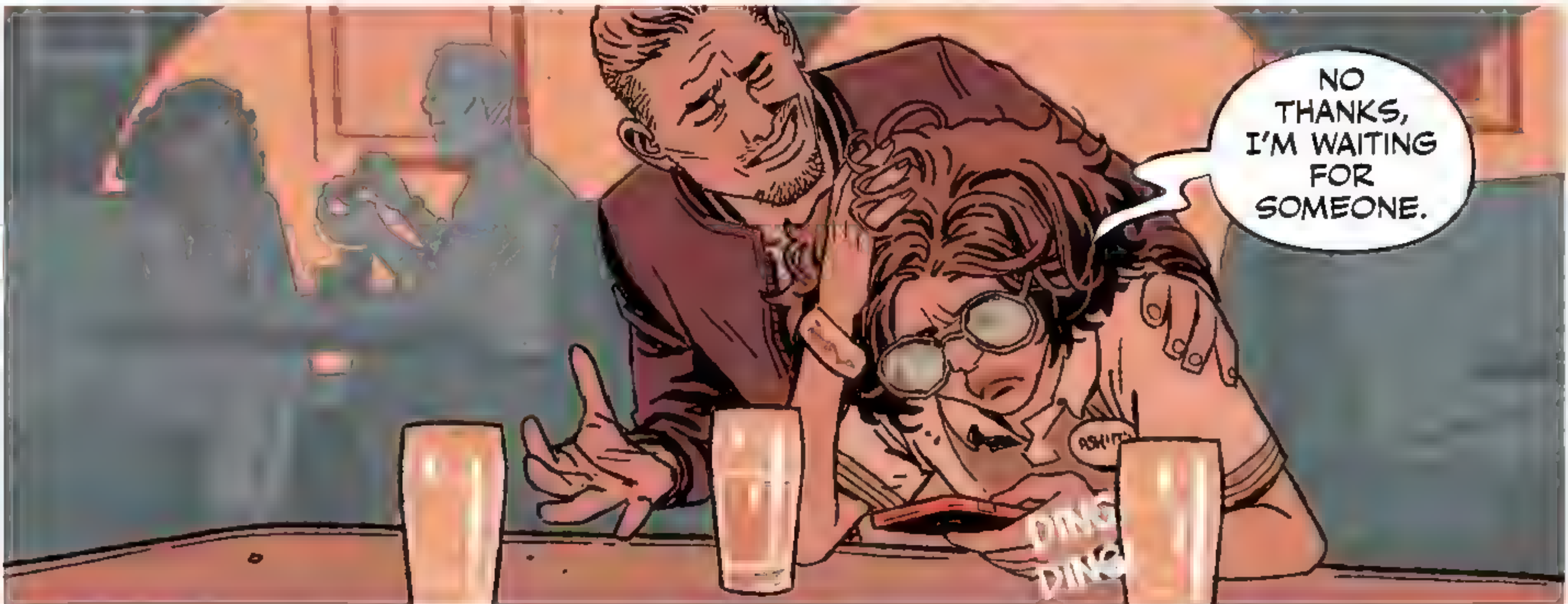
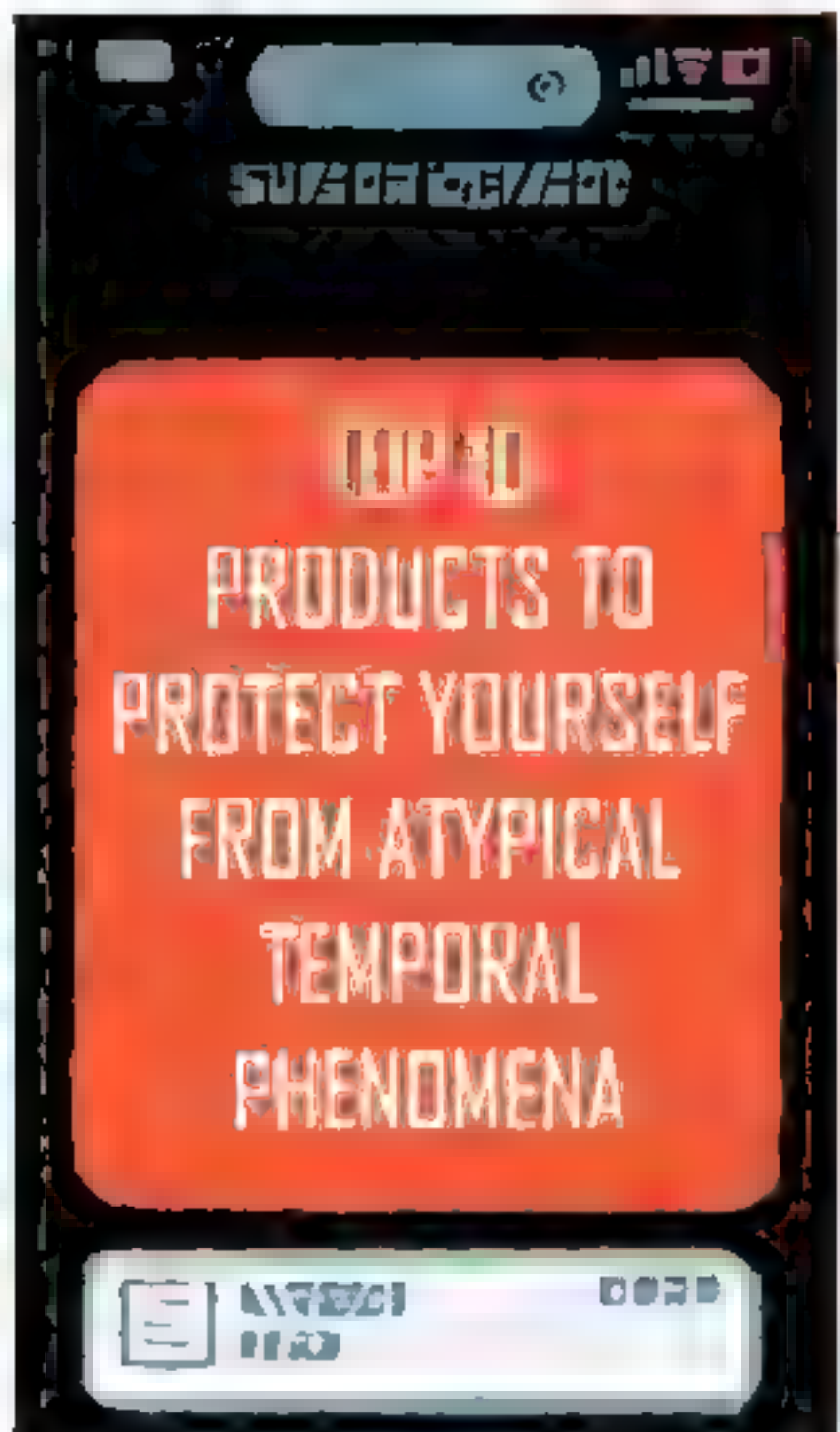




THESE DAYS IT CAN FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING YOU READ IS HAPPENING TO YOU. BUT HALF OF IT'S MADE UP, FOR THE SAME OLD REASONS.

"THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE MAKING MONEY ON THE END OF THE WORLD."

DING DING!



NO THANKS, I'M WAITING FOR SOMEONE.

DING DING!

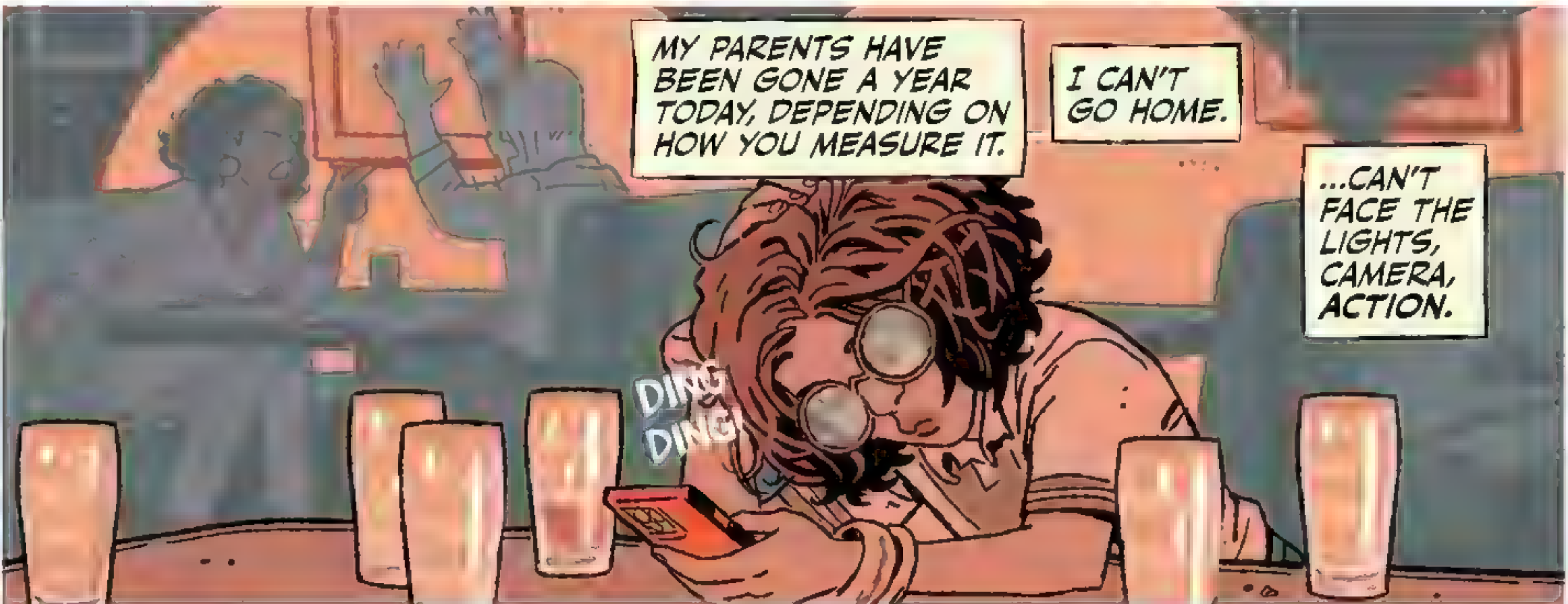


ENOUGH OF IT'S TRUE TO LEAVE YOU TERRIFIED, THOUGH. SOME PREFER TO IGNORE IT, EVEN WHEN THEY SEE IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES.

BUT IT'S HAPPENING.

Ever feel like life's going on without you?

DING DING!



MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN GONE A YEAR TODAY, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU MEASURE IT.

I CAN'T GO HOME.

...CAN'T FACE THE LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION.

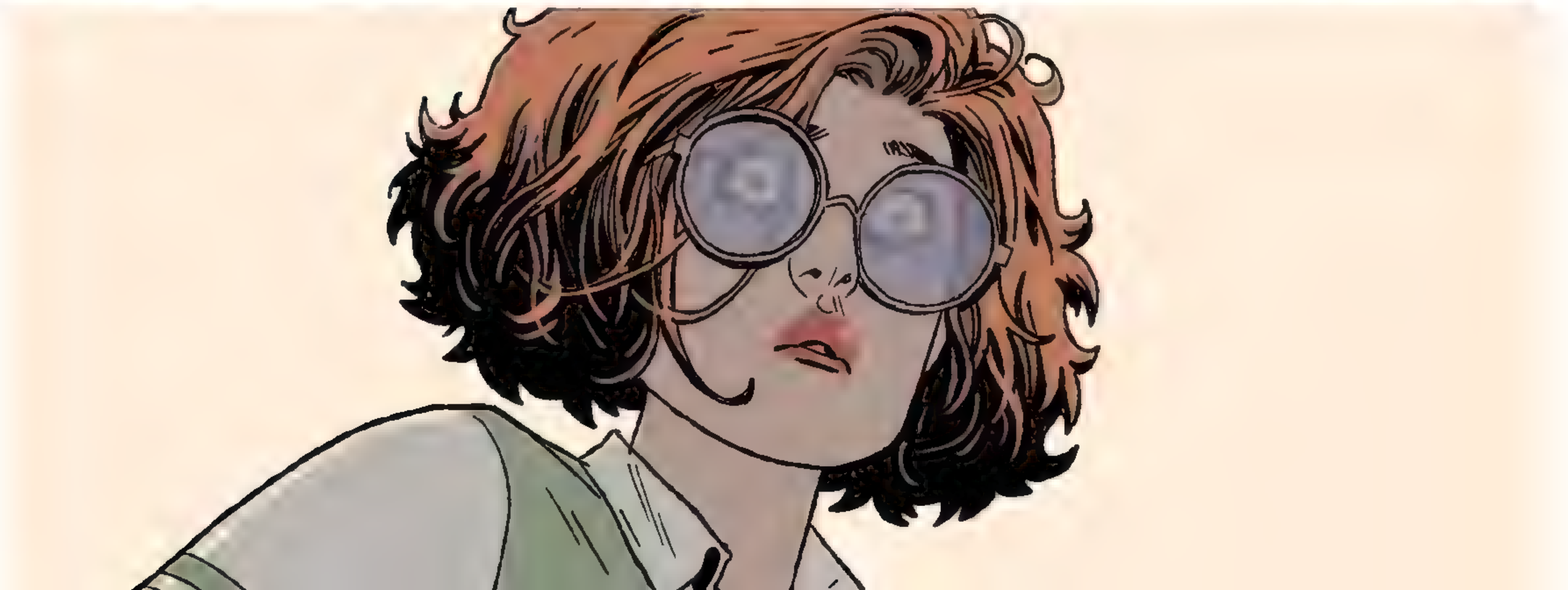
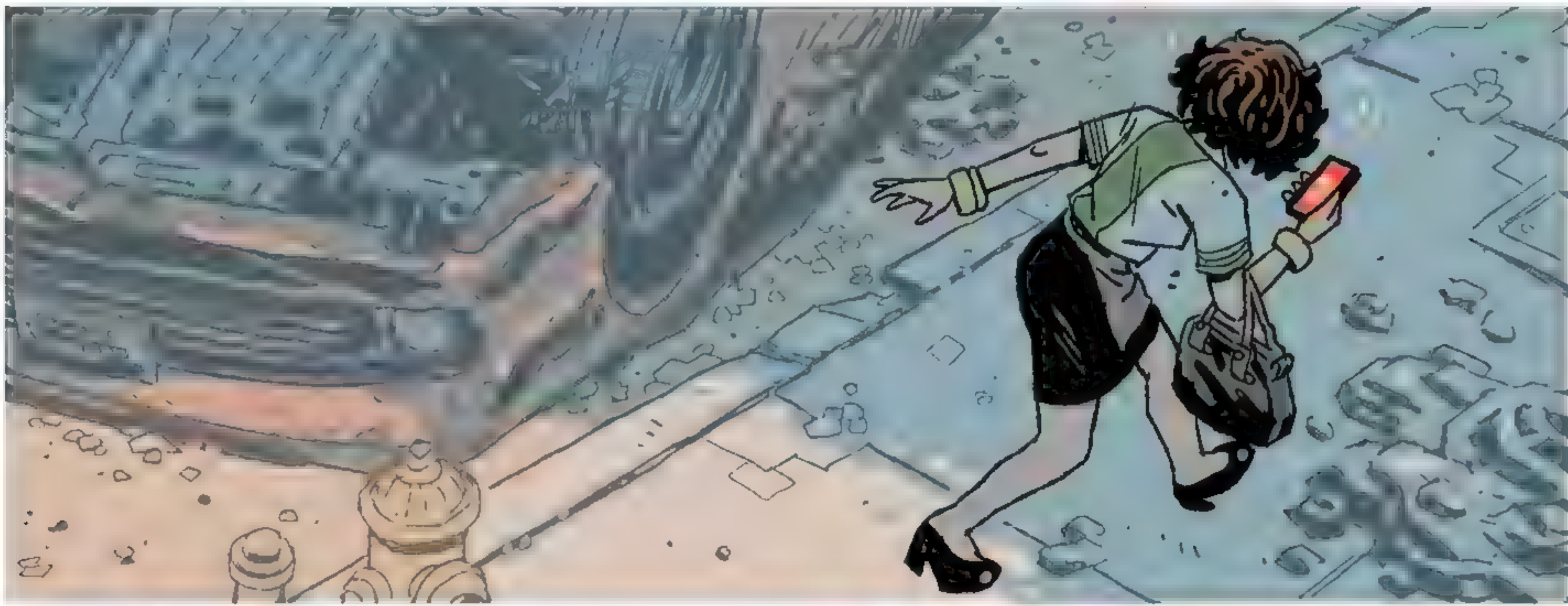
DING DING!



SO I SIT, DRINK...

...AND SCROLL THROUGH THE END OF THE WORLD.

DING DING!







WHAAMP







MURDER, RAPE, CANNIBALISM, DRUGS, THE ORGAN TRADE...

DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE.

SHADDUP, LUNCH!

YEAH, QUIET, LUNCH!

...YOU CAN FIND IT ALL RIGHT THERE ON THE SIDEWALK.

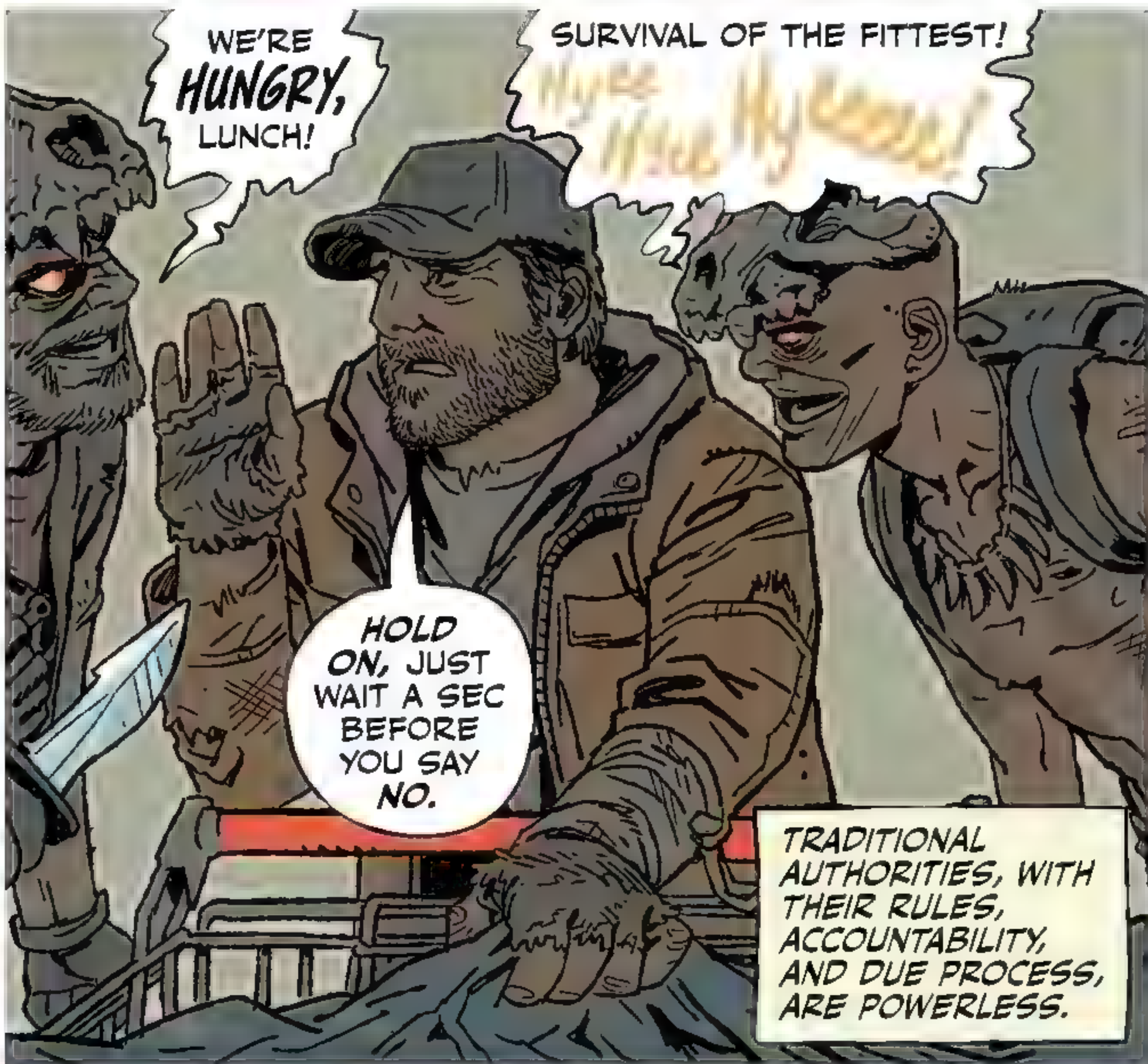
MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH ARE NO LONGER SERIOUS MATTERS. KILLING AND DYING ARE JUST WAYS TO PASS THE TIME.



PLEASE, HERE. I HAVE THINGS... TREASURES. I'LL GIVE 'EM TO YOU, I'LL GIVE YOU ALL YOU CAN TAKE!

DON'T WANT NO TRASH, LUNCH!

WE TAKE WHAT WE WANT!



WE'RE HUNGRY, LUNCH!

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST! Hyee Hyee Hyee!

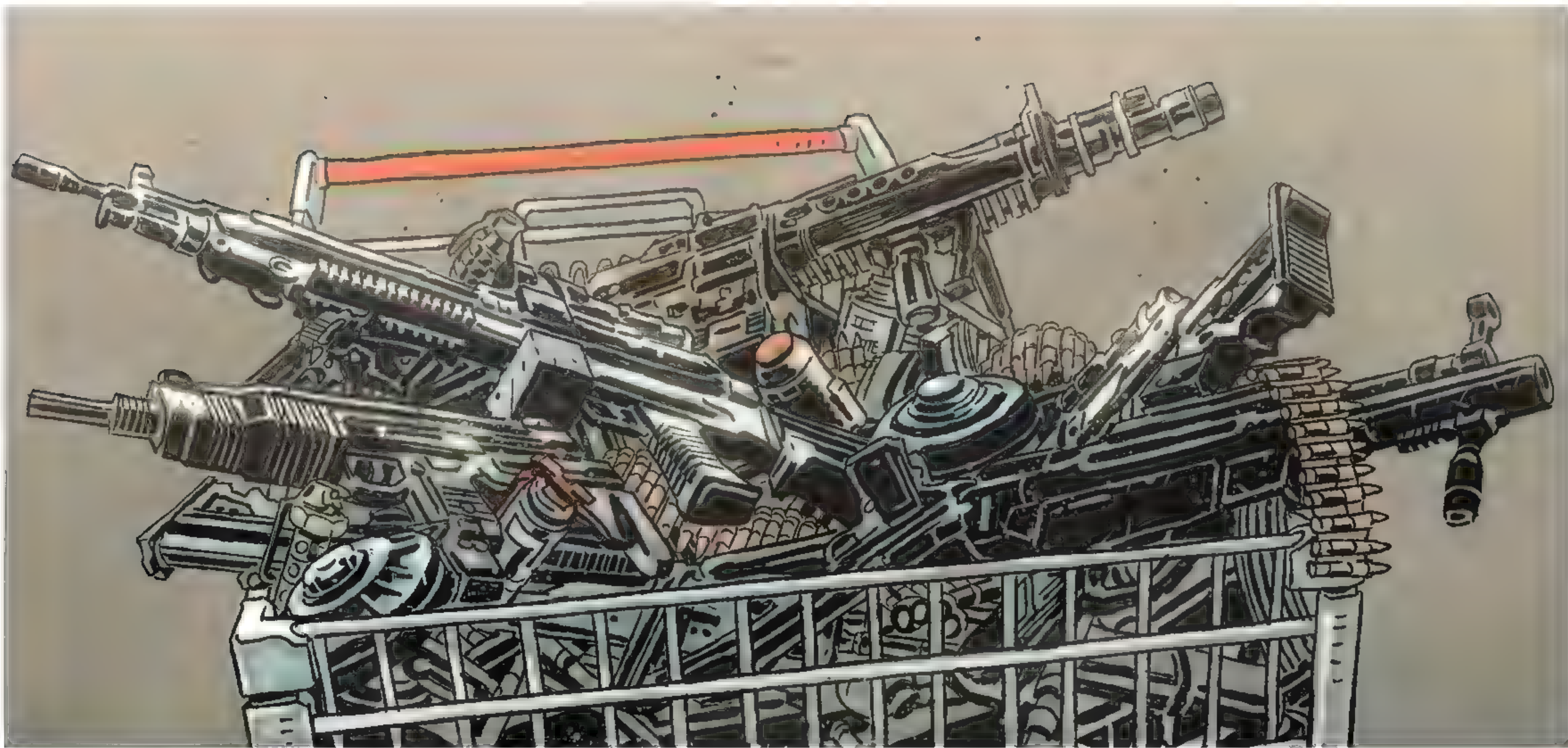
HOLD ON, JUST WAIT A SEC BEFORE YOU SAY NO.

TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES, WITH THEIR RULES, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DUE PROCESS, ARE POWERLESS.



VIOLENT LONERS INEVITABLY TAKE THINGS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

LEMME SHOW YOU WHAT I GOT!



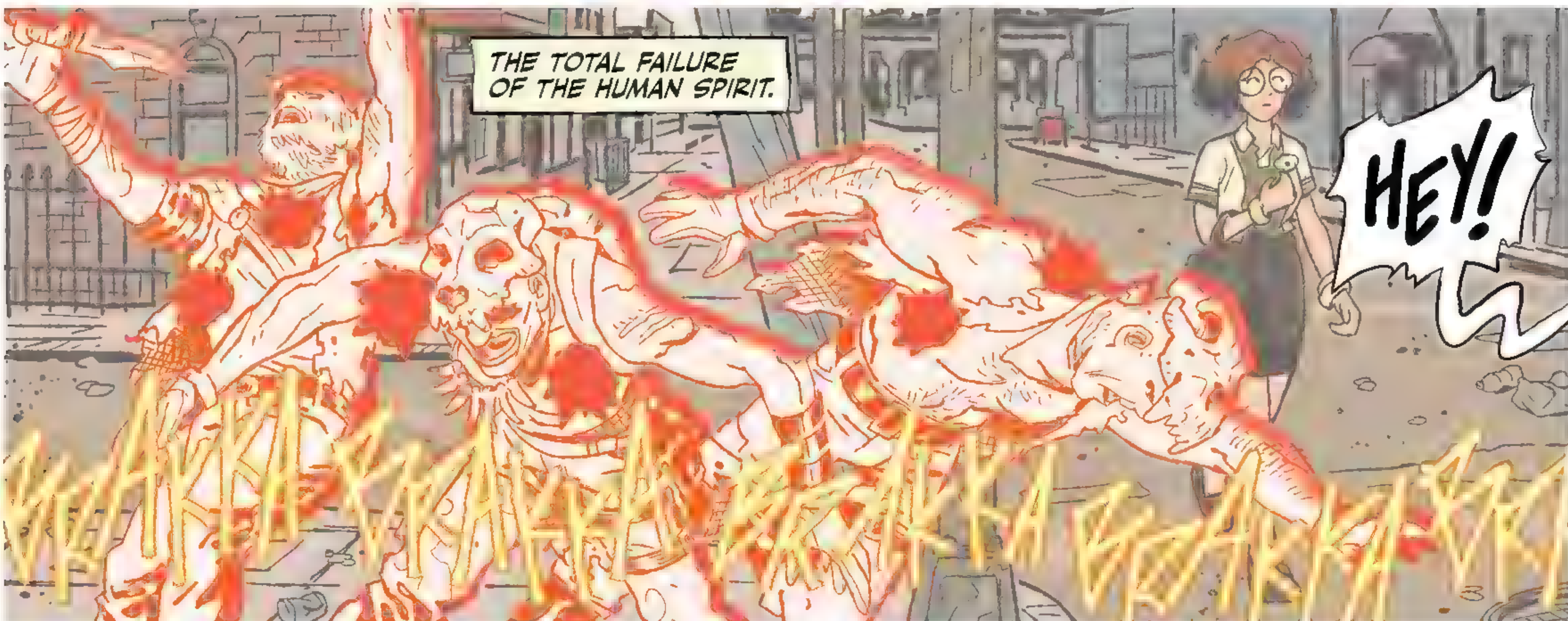
THERE IS NO
PARTICULAR
REASON,
NO SINGULAR
INCITING EVENT.



JUST A
GRADUAL
DECLINE...

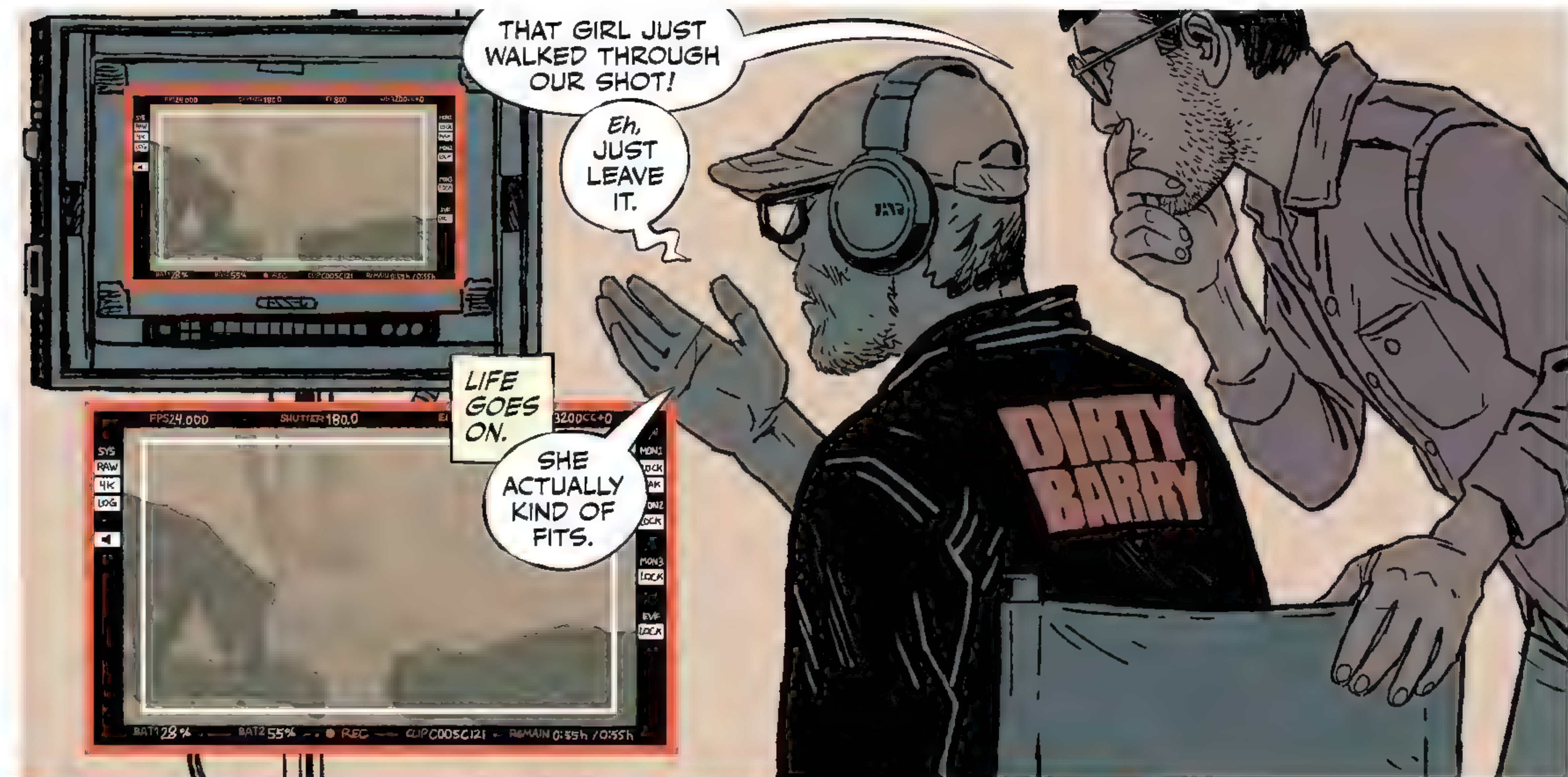
YOU'D BE
SURPRISED
WHAT PEOPLE
THROW
AWAY.

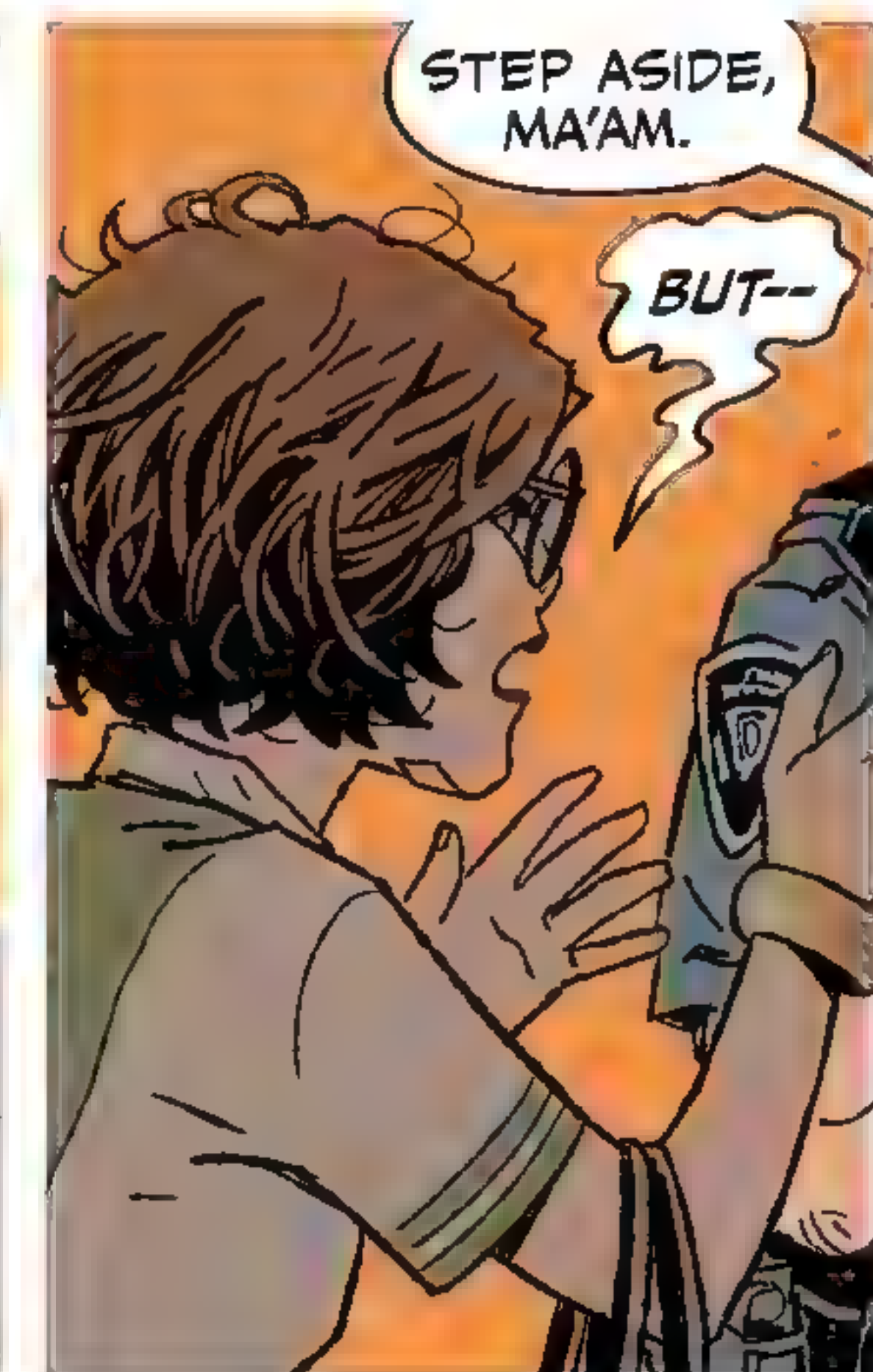
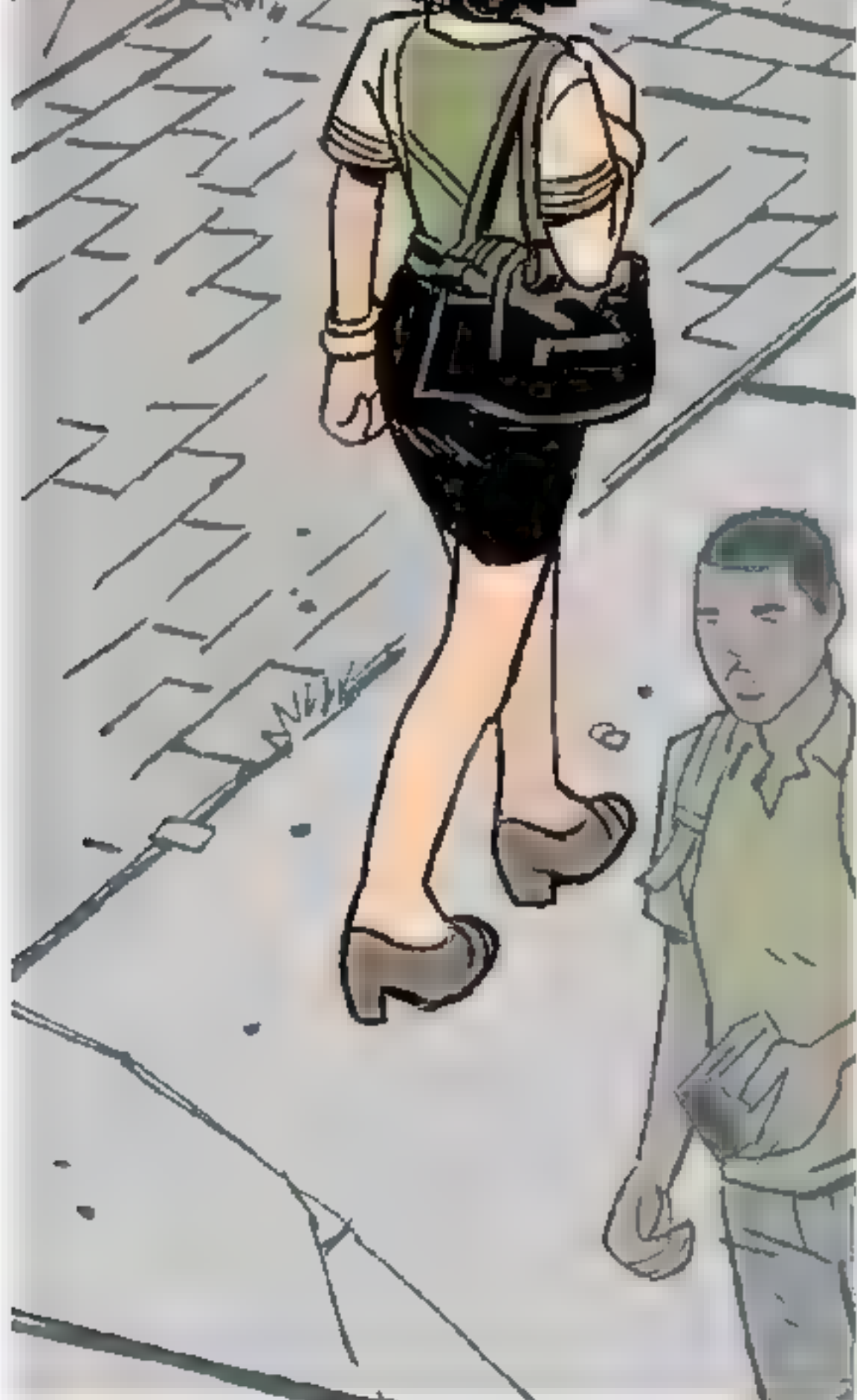
...AN ONGOING
MORAL SLIPPAGE,
FOLLOWED BY
COLLECTIVE
INSANITY.



THE TOTAL FAILURE
OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

HEY!







Ah, shit.
I DIDN'T
MEAN--

RELAX,
I GOT YOUR
BACK. SHE
ATTACKED
YOU.

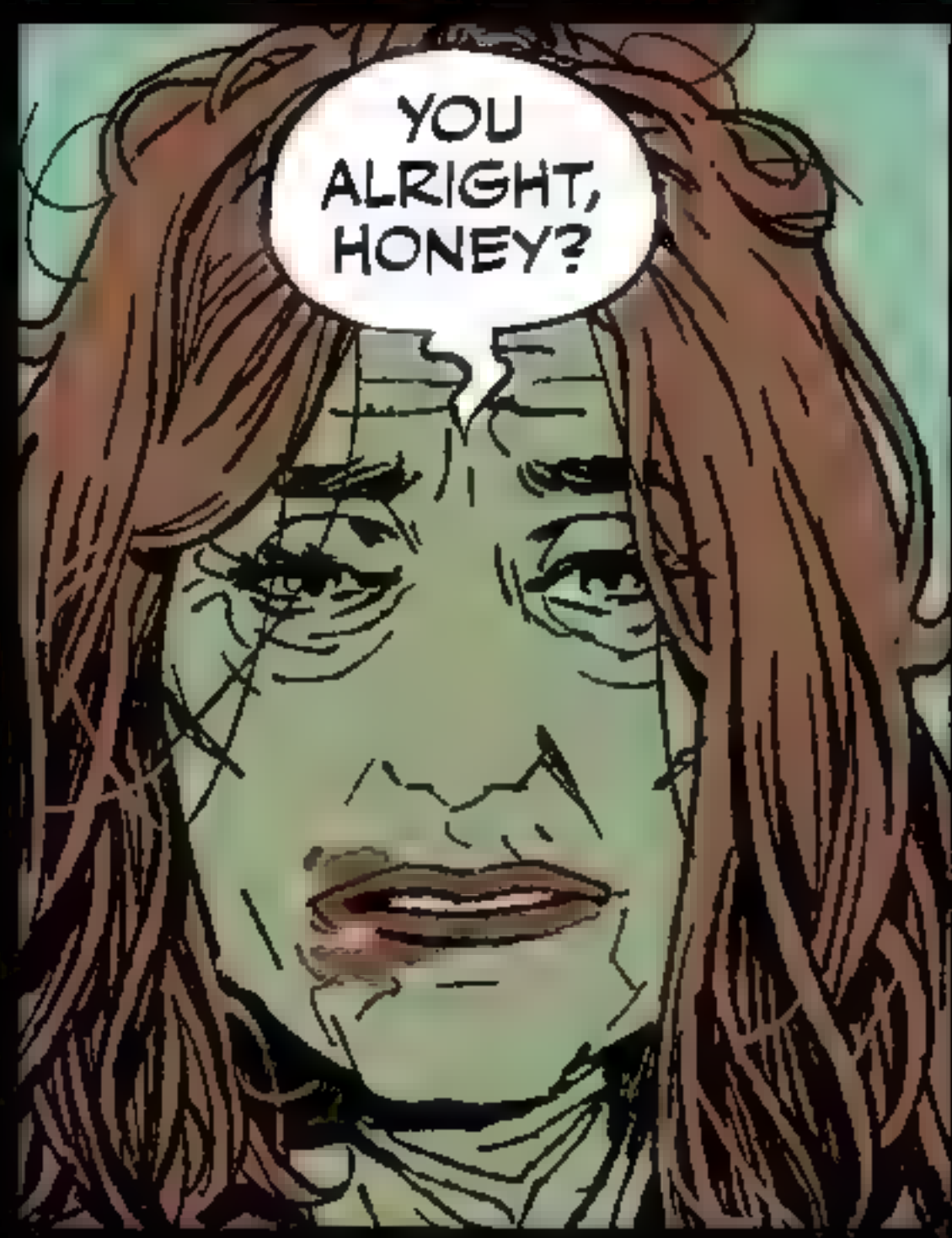


I'VE BEEN
THINKIN' I
NEED TO SEE
SOMEONE...
YOU KNOW,
ABOUT MY
TEMPER?

DON'T BEAT
YOURSELF UP
OVER IT. SO
SHE'LL WAKE
UP WITH A
HEADACHE,
SO WHAT?



IT'S NOT
THE END
OF THE
WORLD.

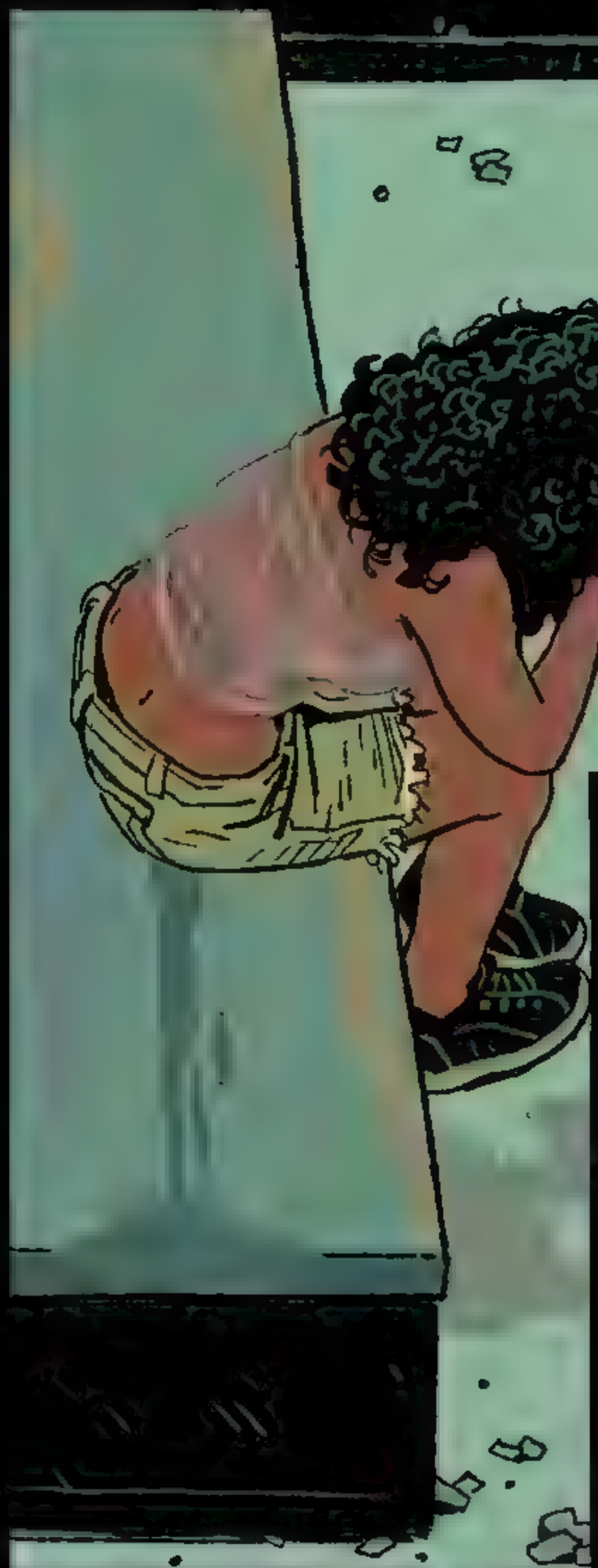


YOU
ALRIGHT,
HONEY?



Where...
WHERE
AM I?

YOU
DON'T
WANNA
KNOW.



Don't
wanna
know...



THEY
WHACKED
YOU GOOD,
huh?

IS
THIS REAL?
I CAN'T KEEP
TRACK...

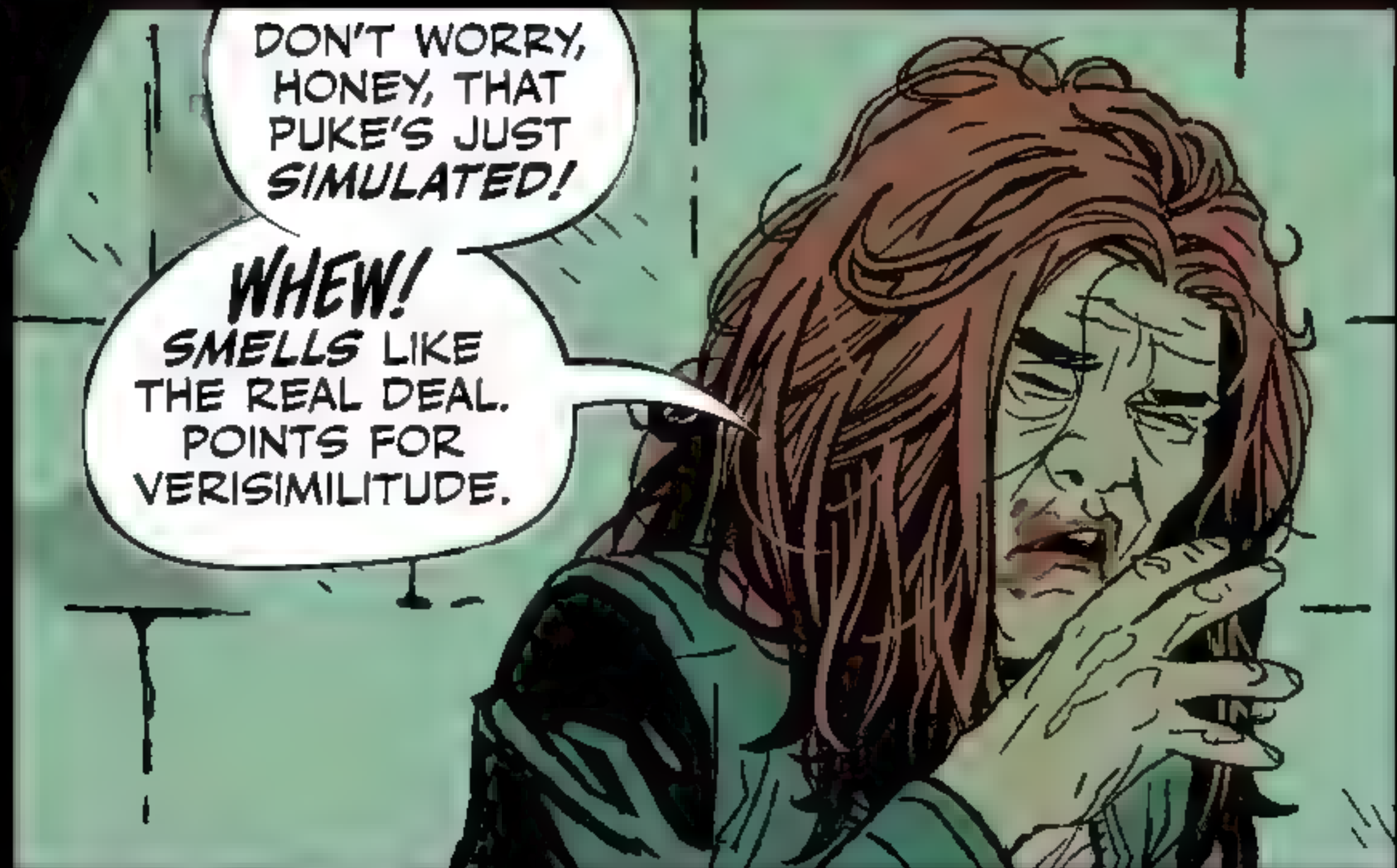


THEY SAY
WE'RE ALL LIVING
IN A SIMULATION.
WOULDN'T *THAT*
BE NICE?

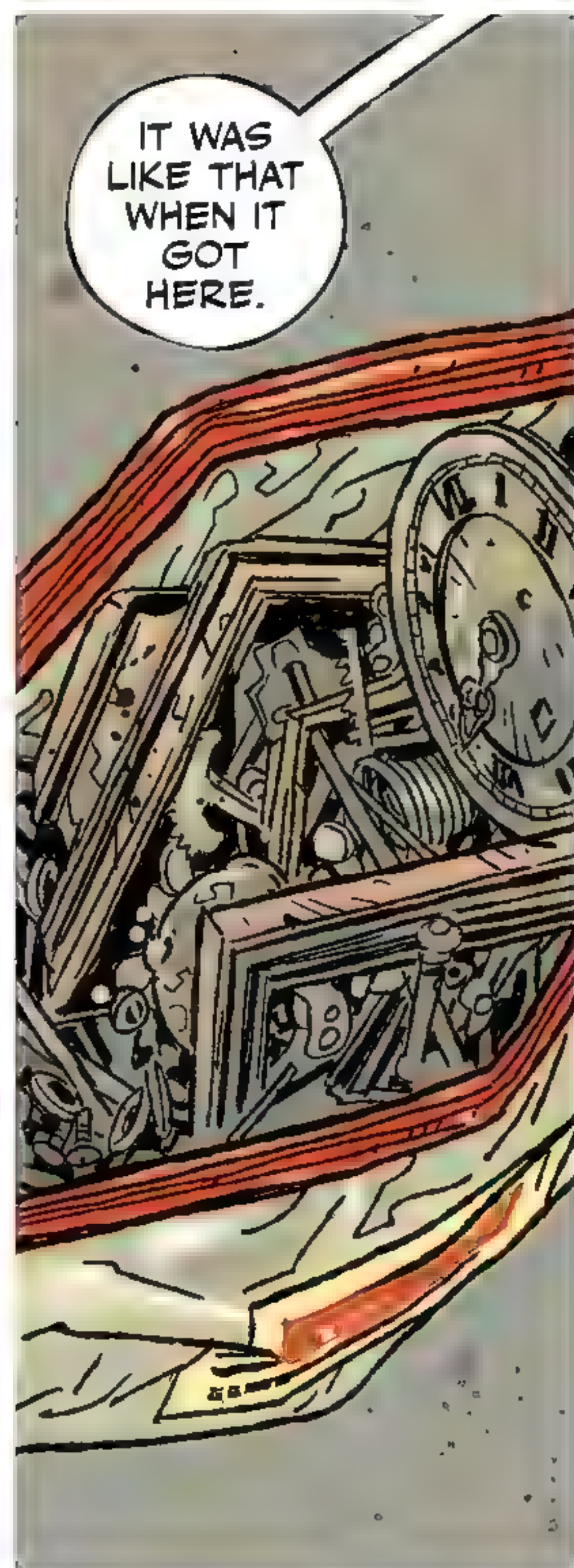
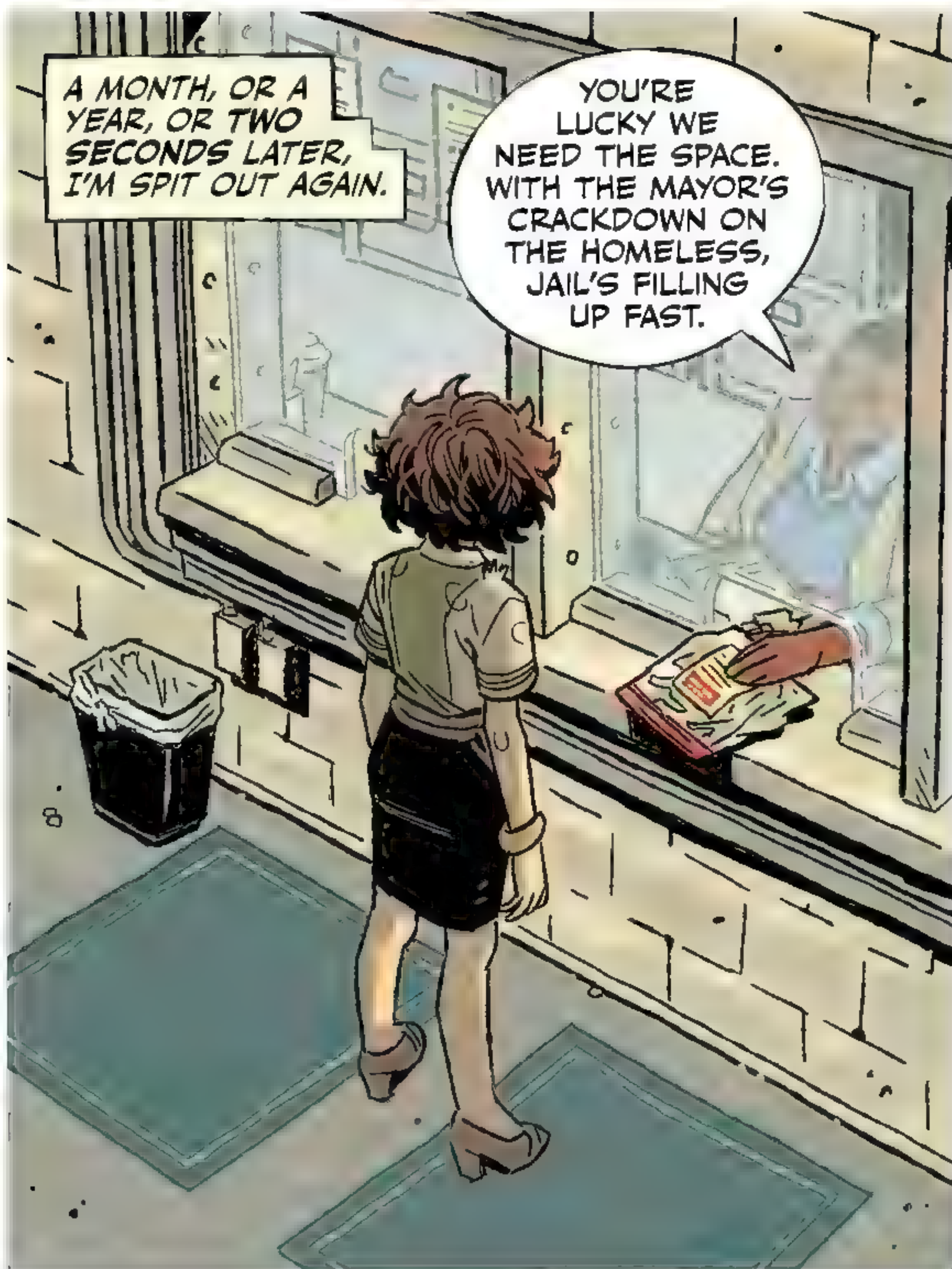


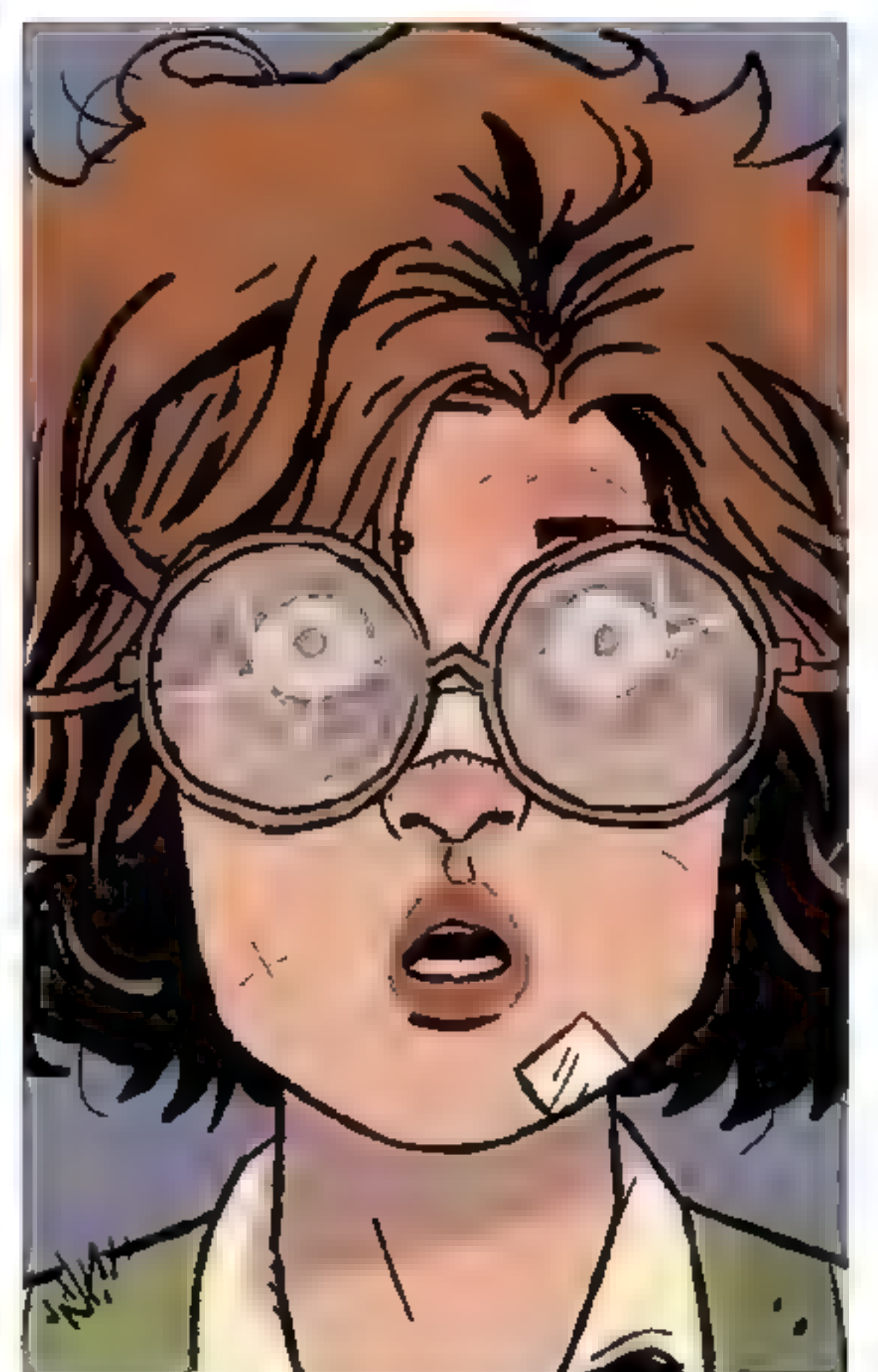
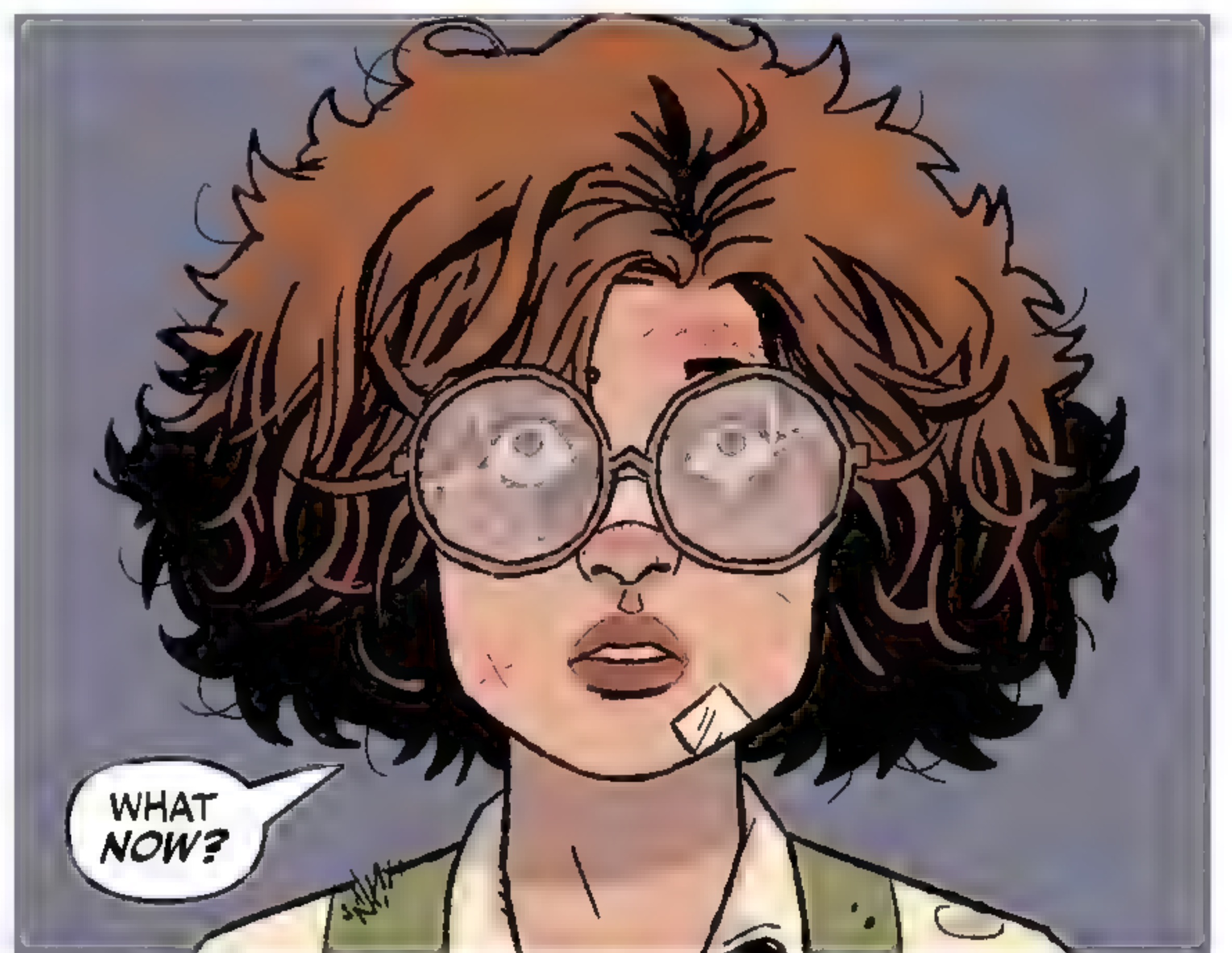
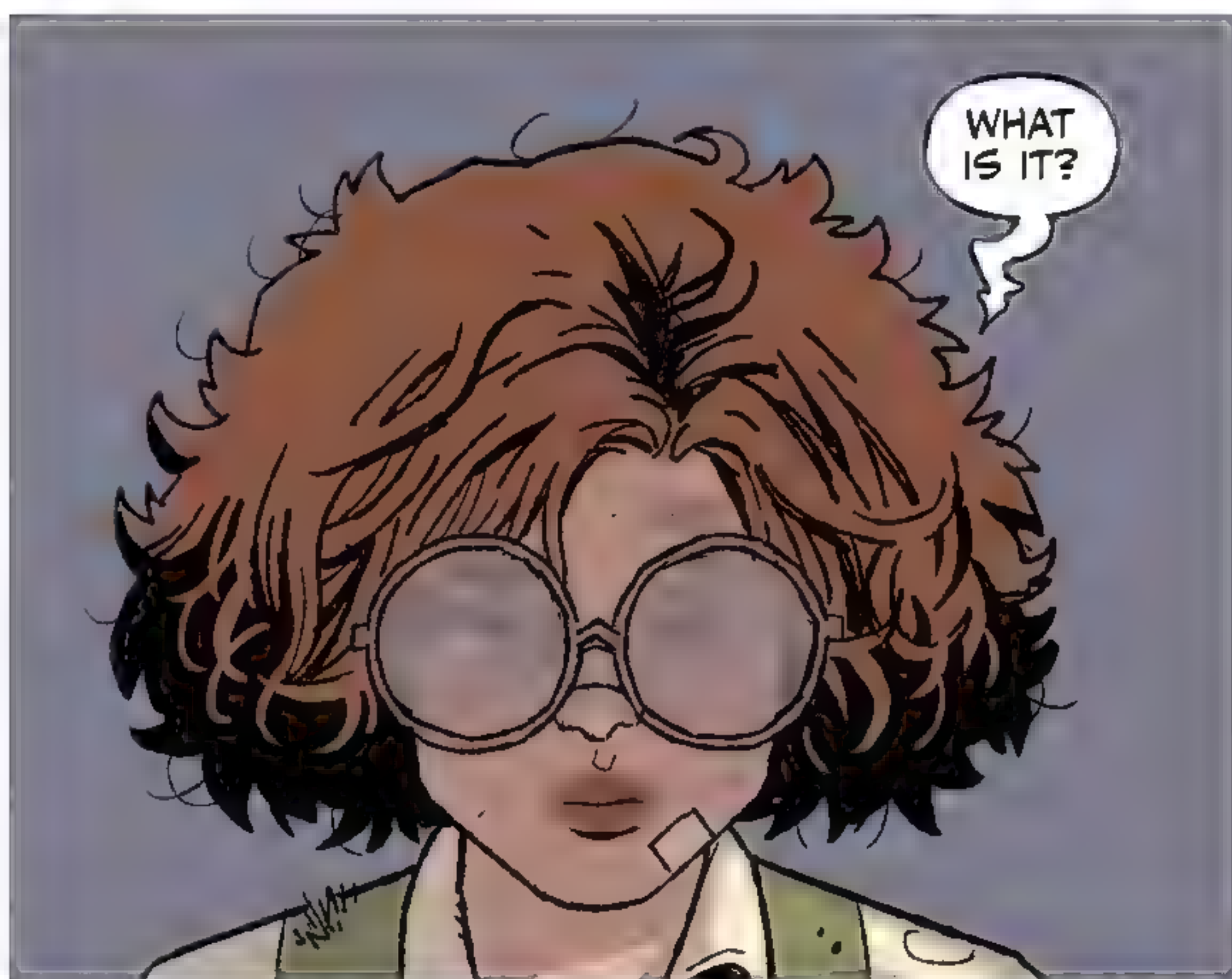
DON'T WORRY,
HONEY, THAT
PUKE'S JUST
SIMULATED!

WHEW!
SMELLS LIKE
THE REAL DEAL.
POINTS FOR
VERISIMILITUDE.



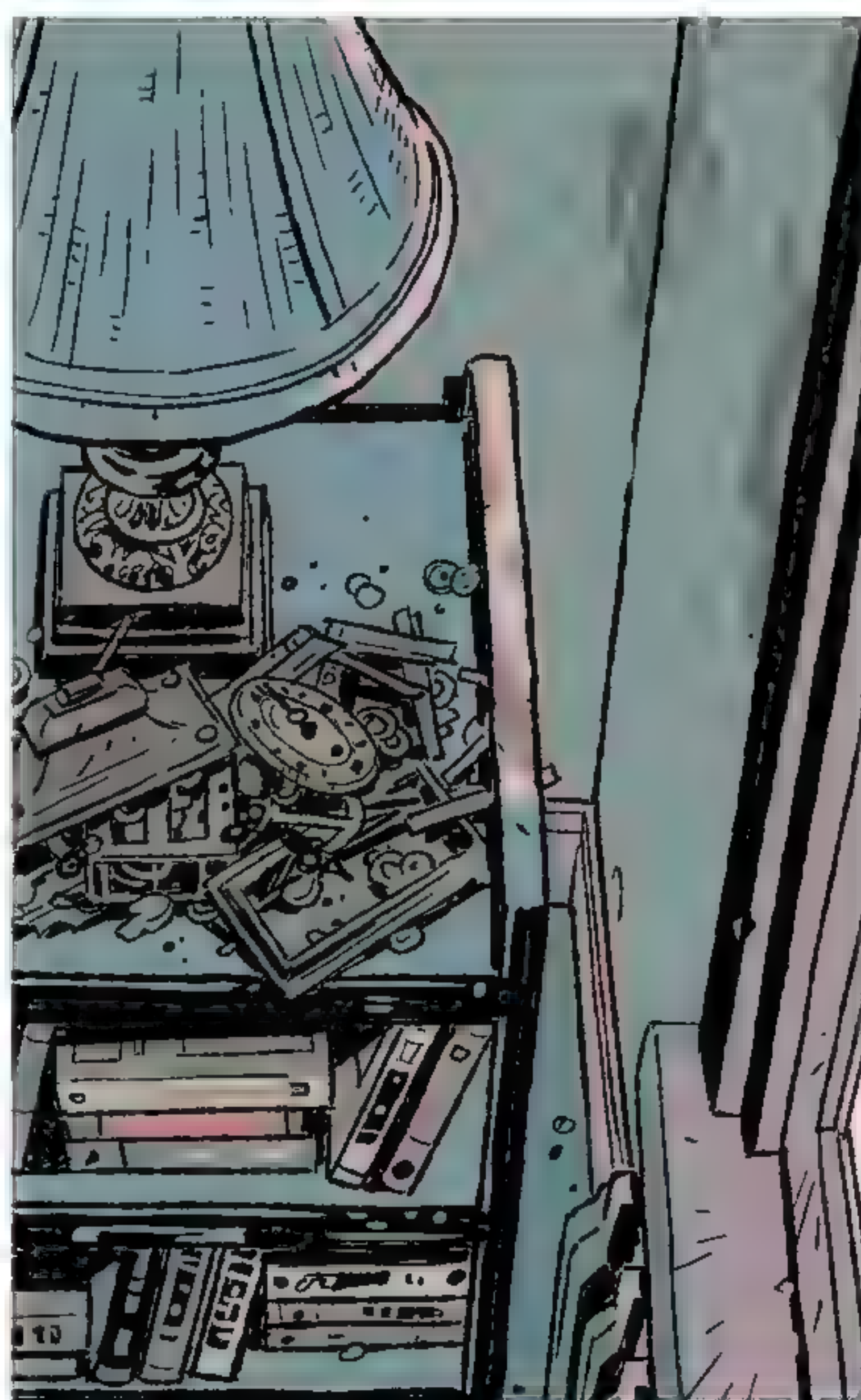
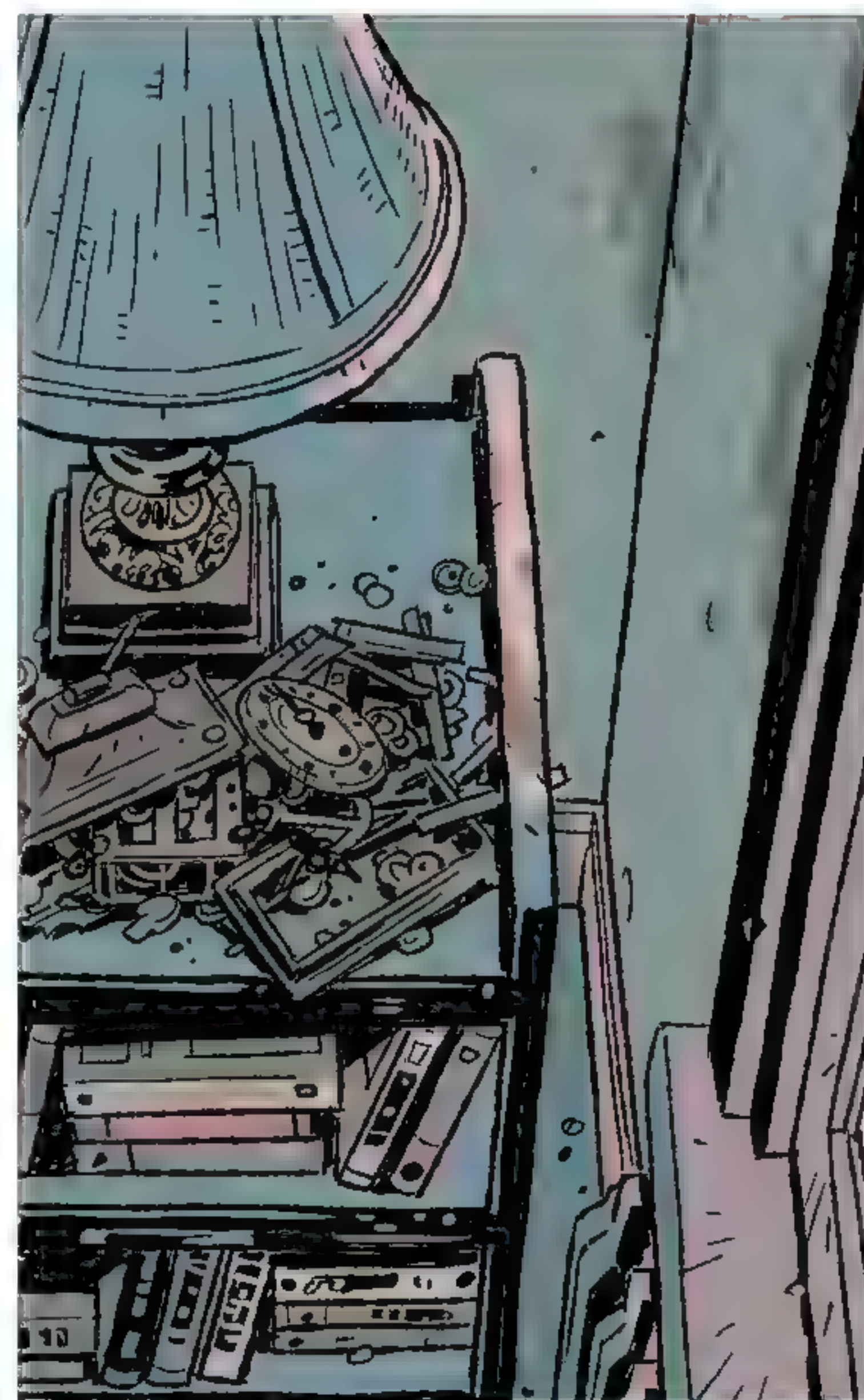
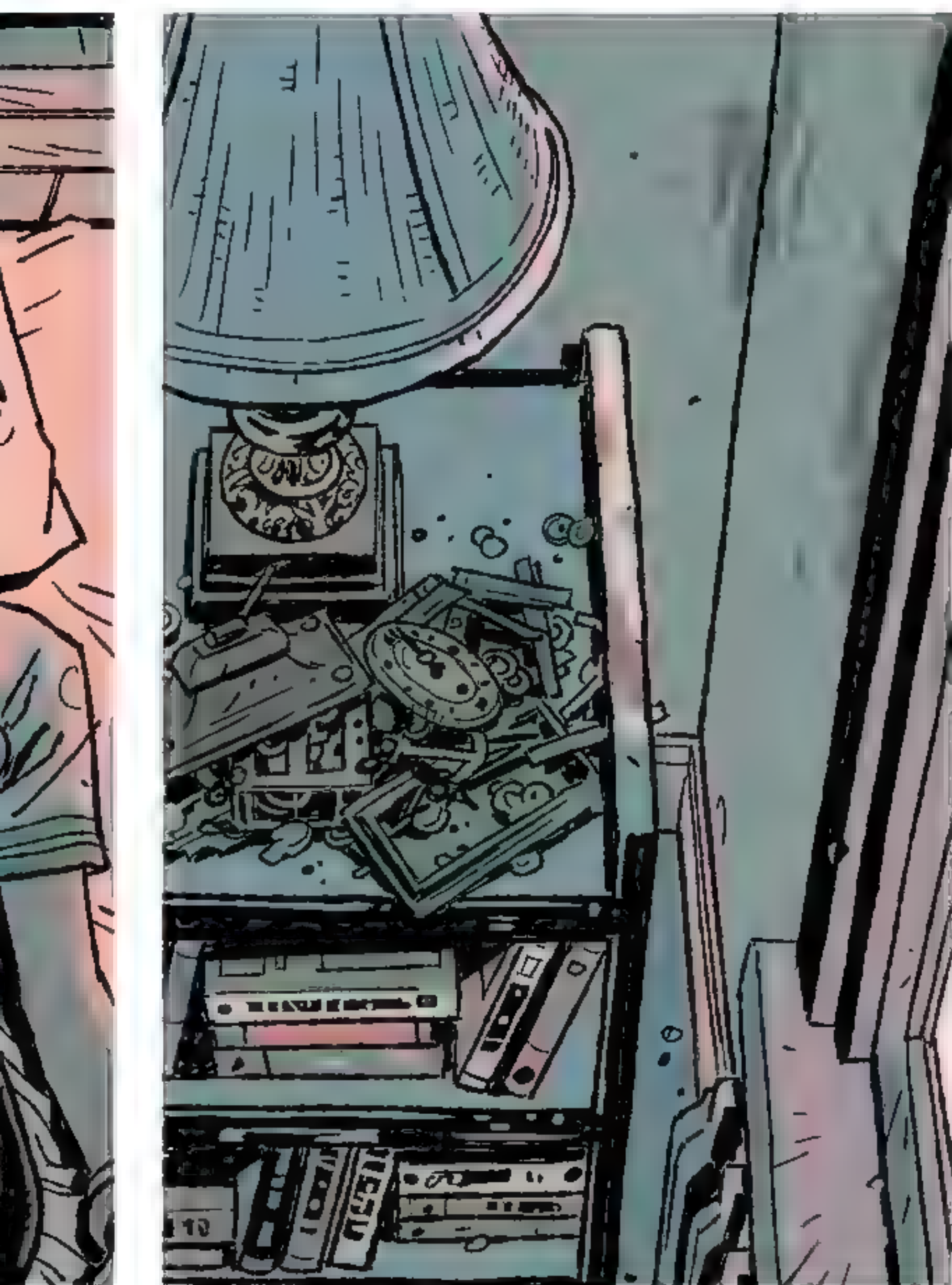
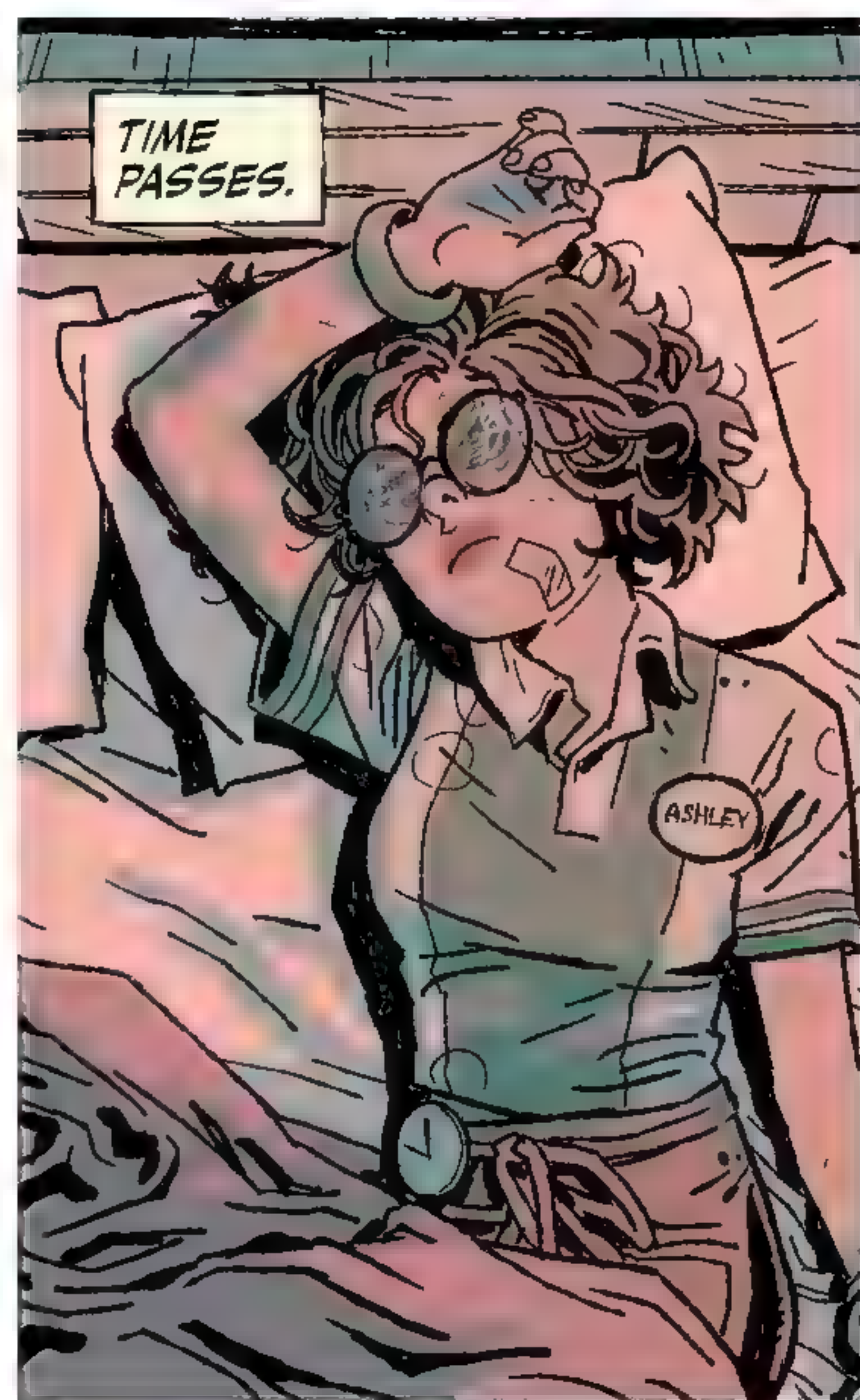
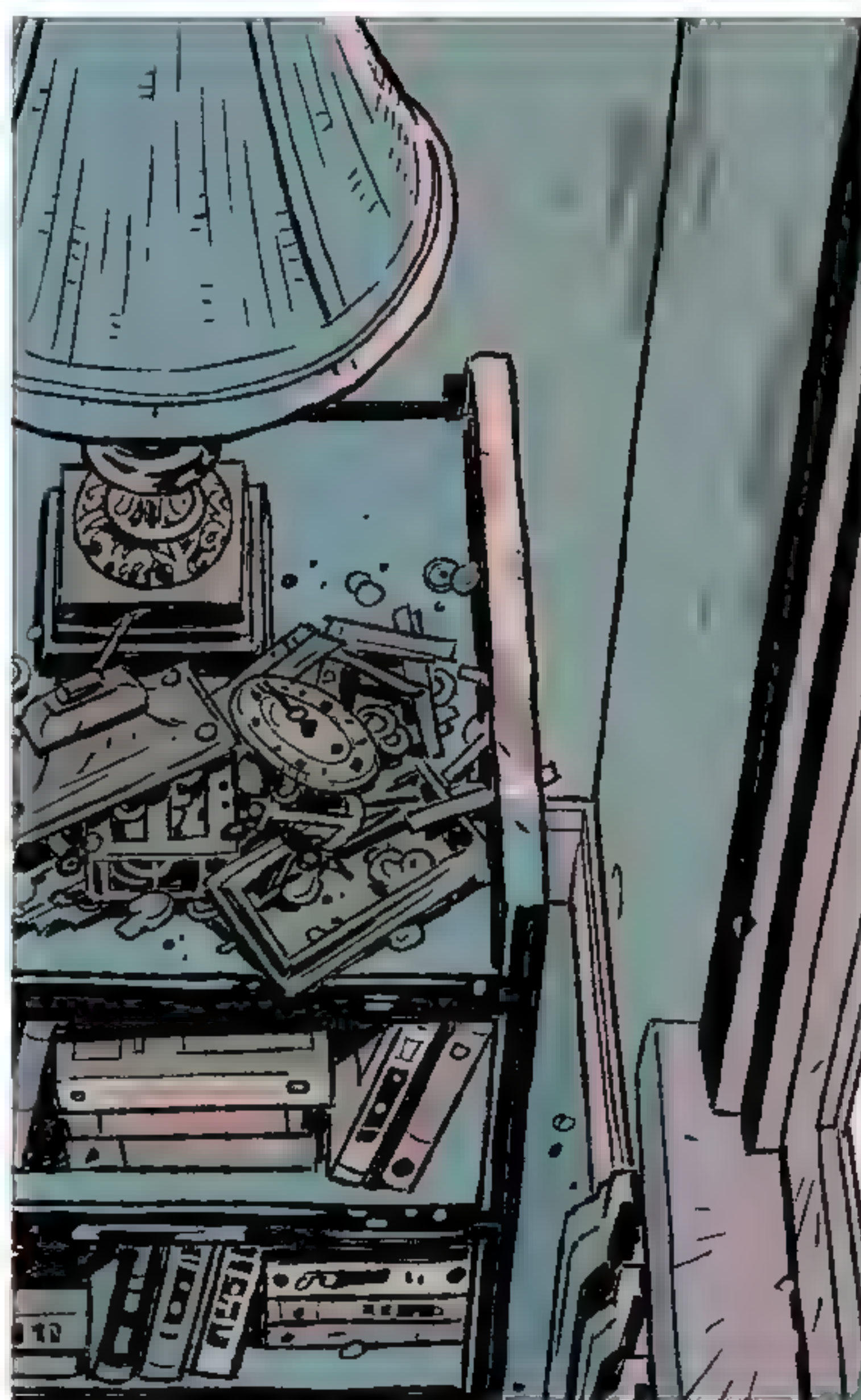
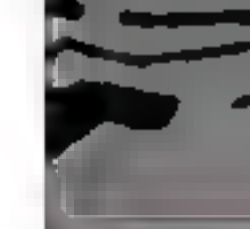
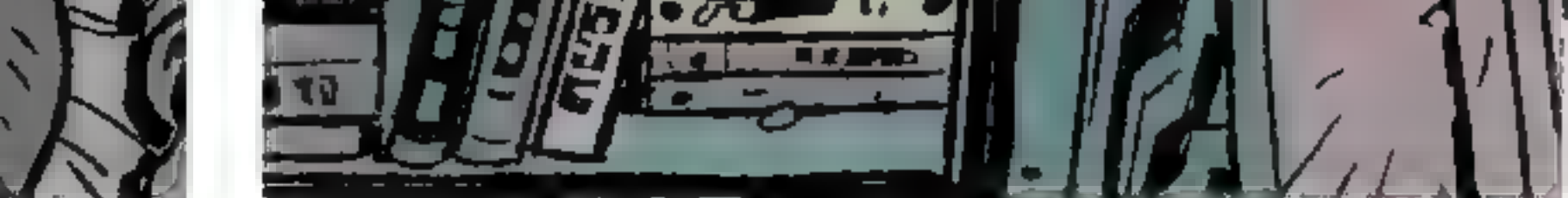
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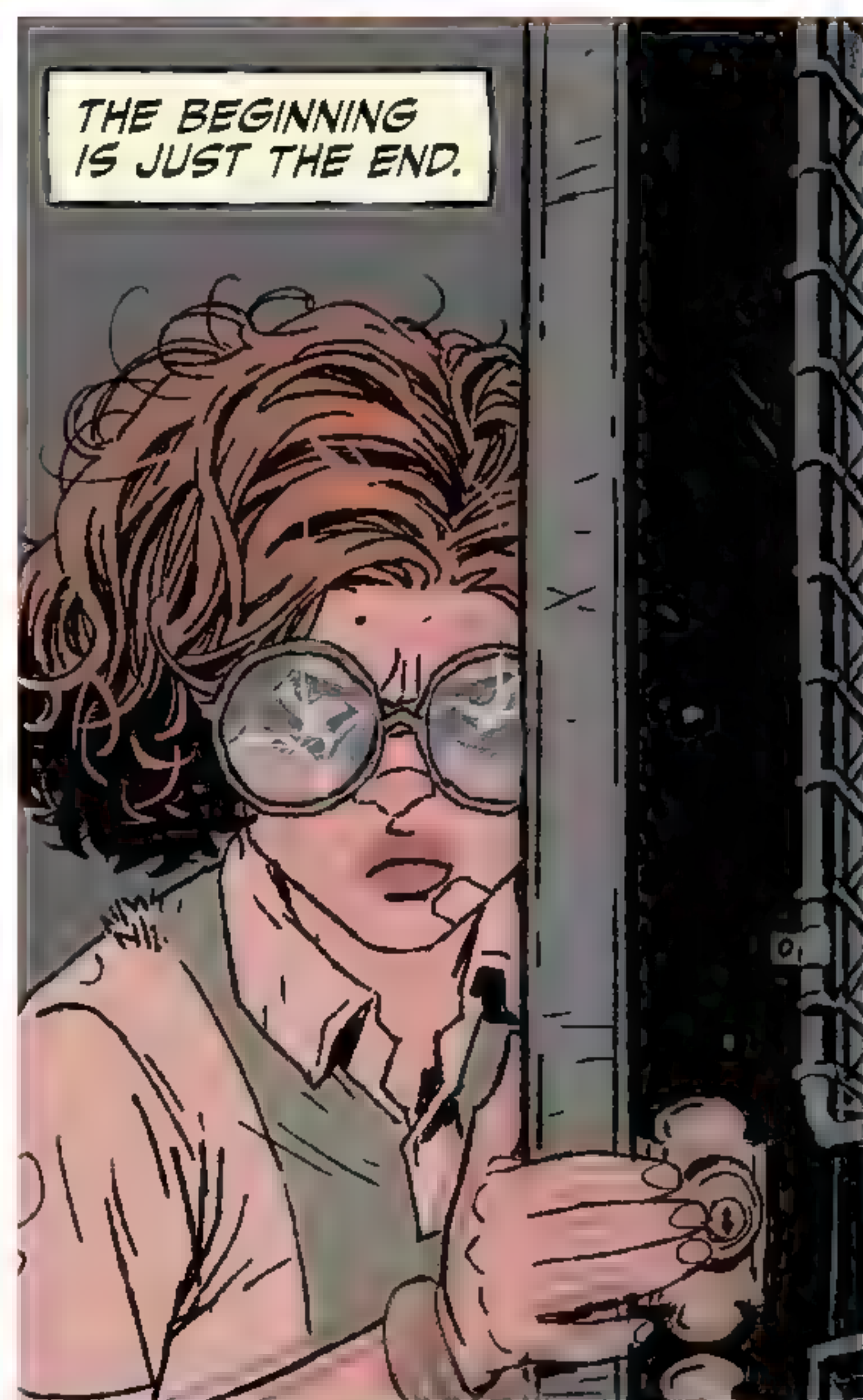
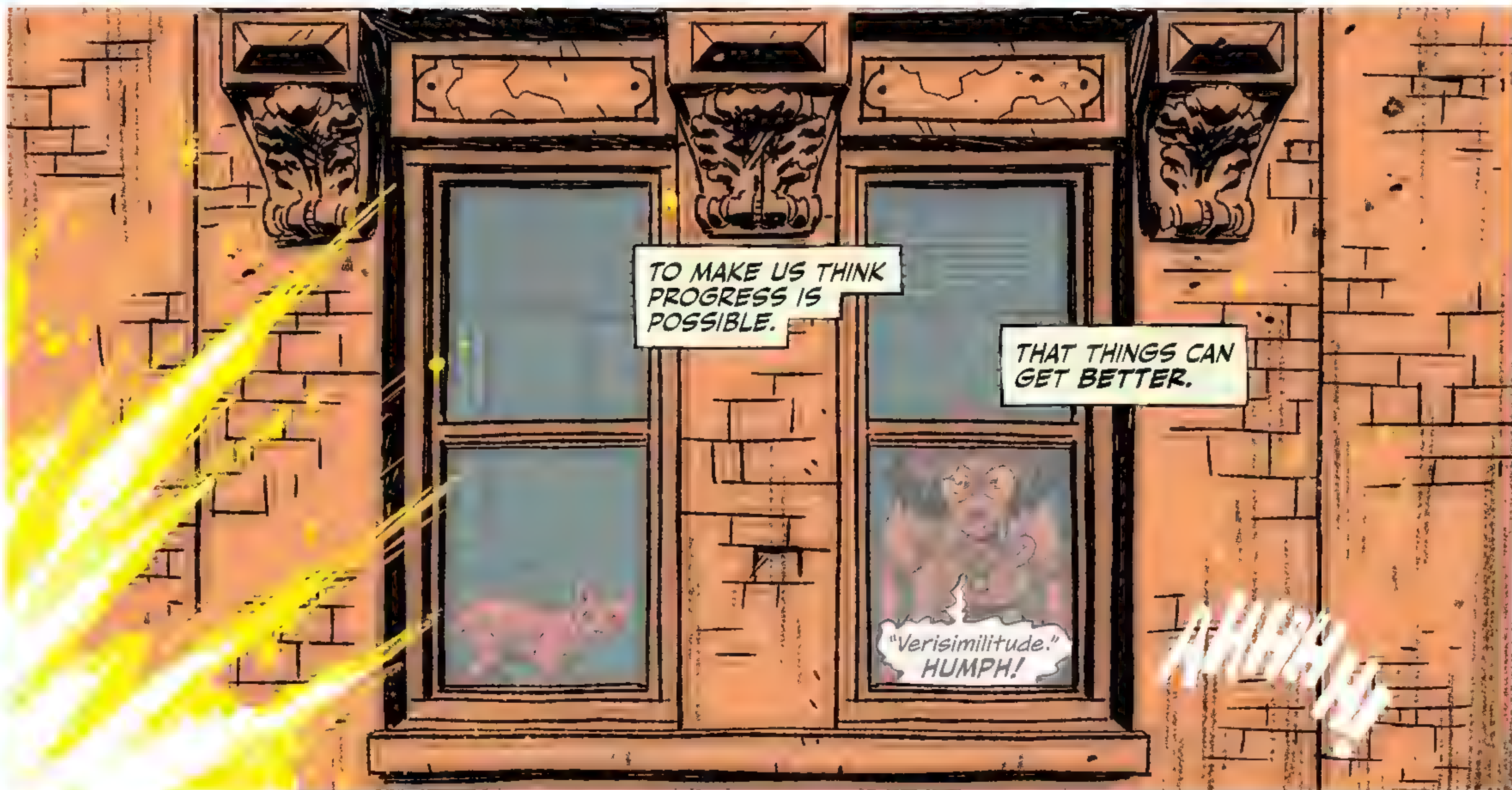








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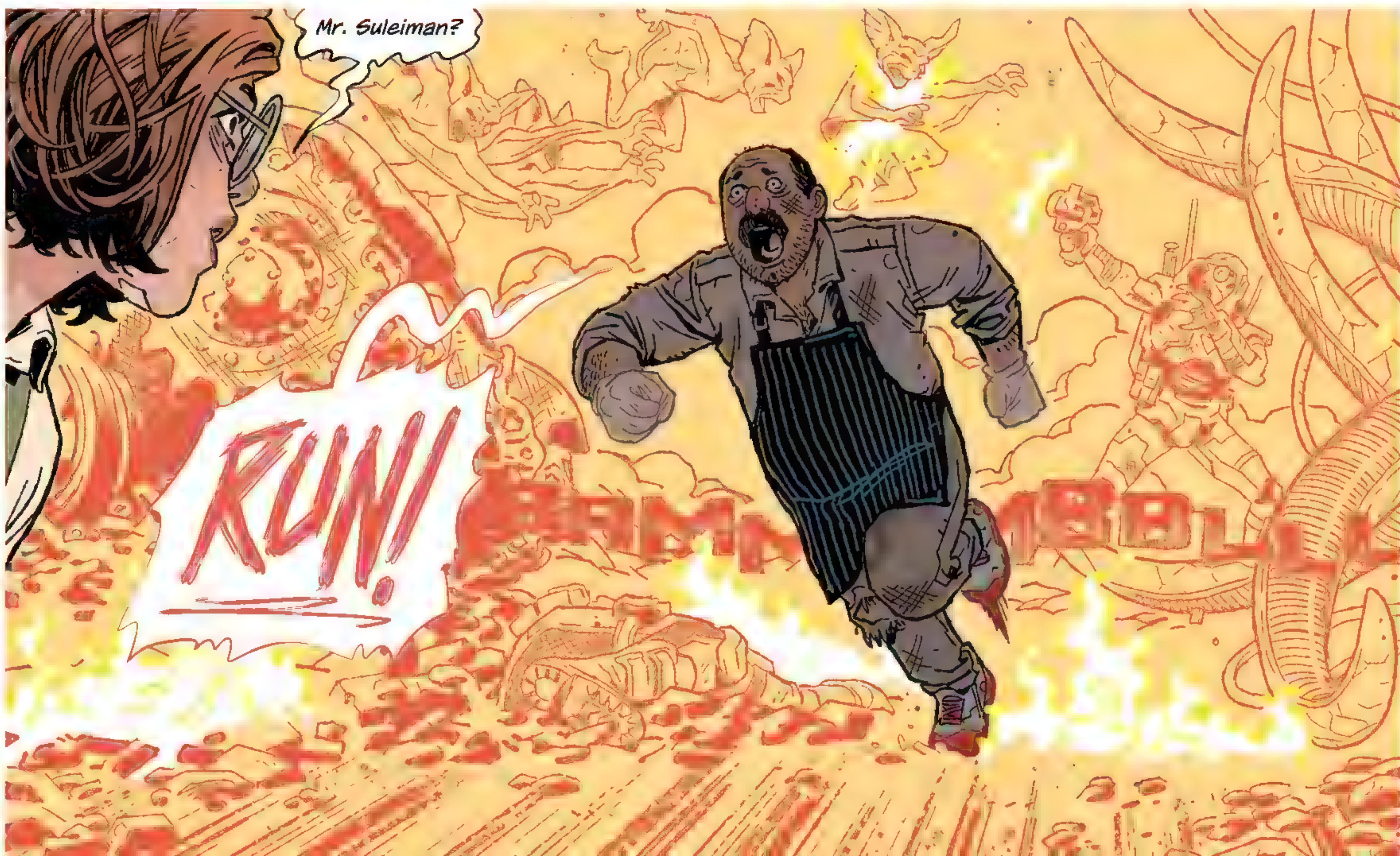
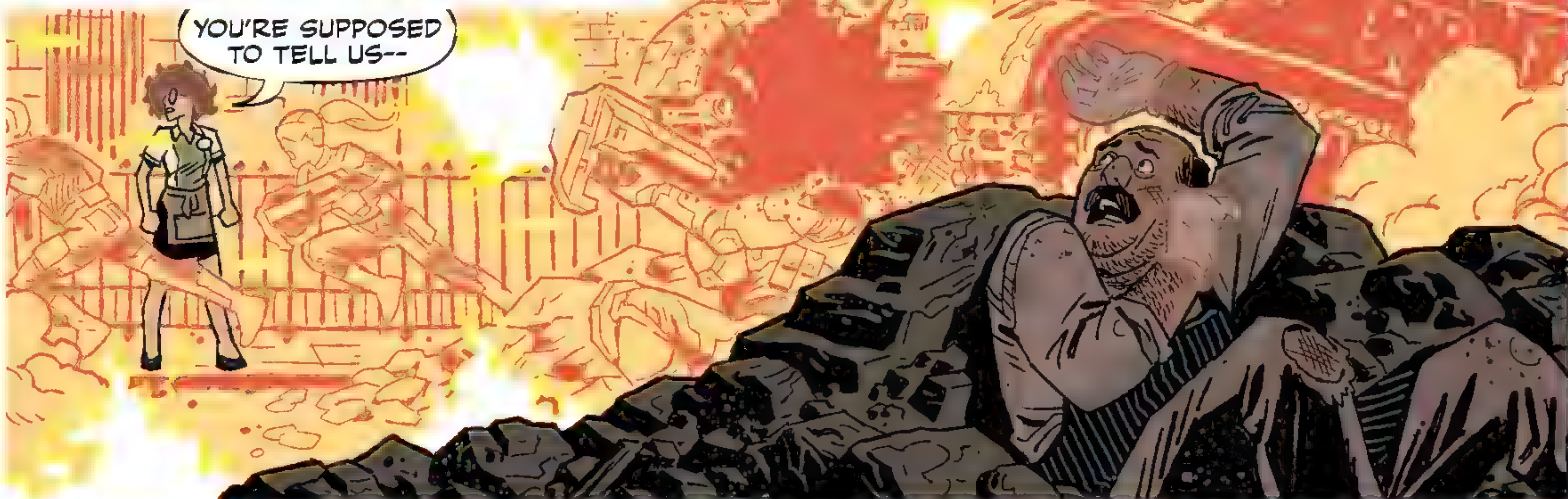
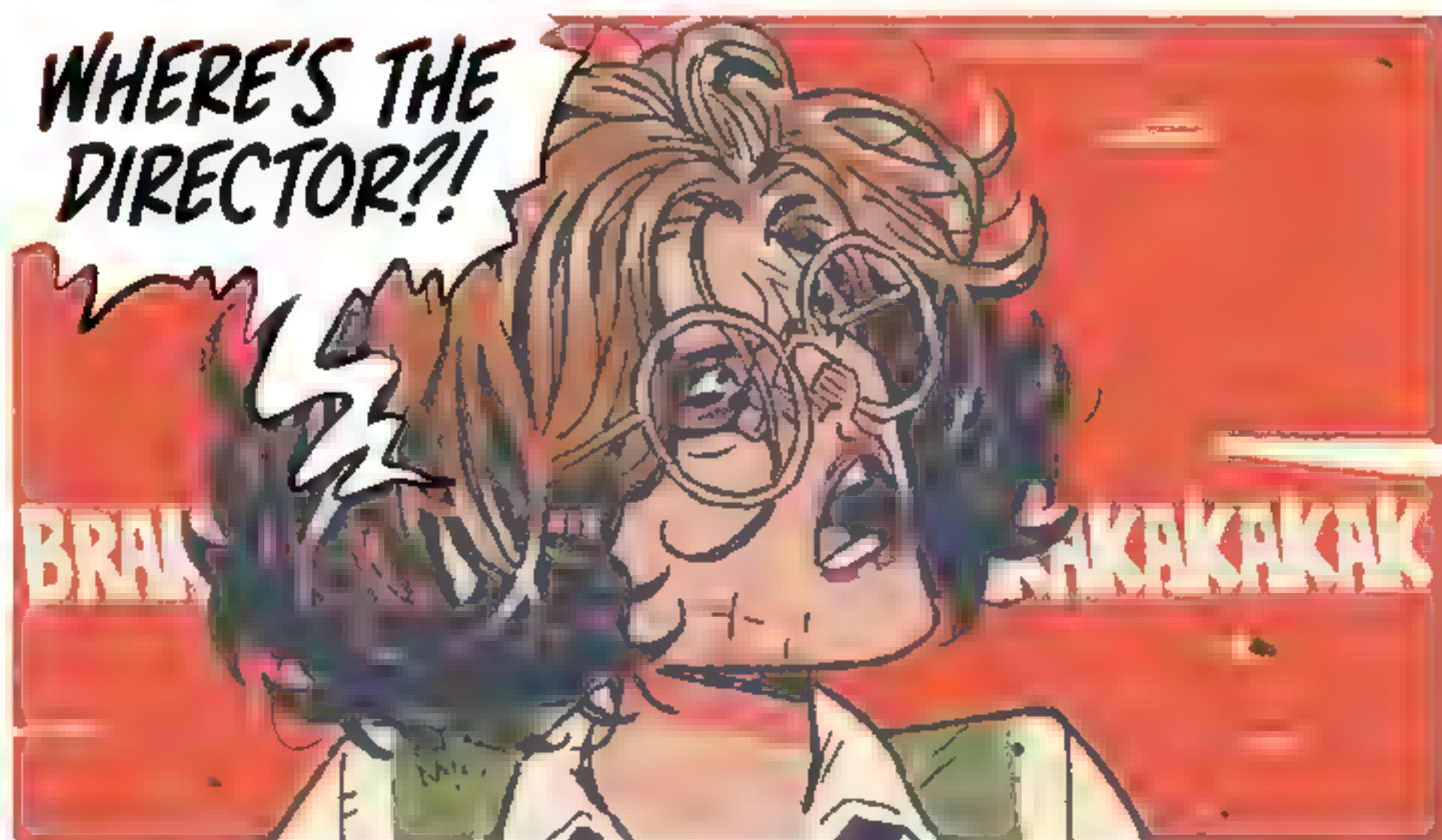


IT'S WORLD WAR THREE (OR FOUR) OUT THERE TODAY.

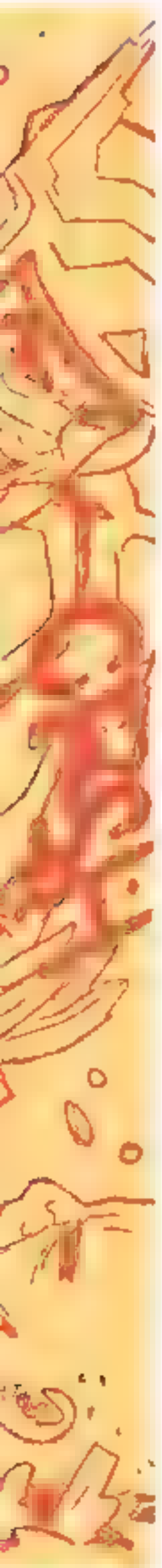
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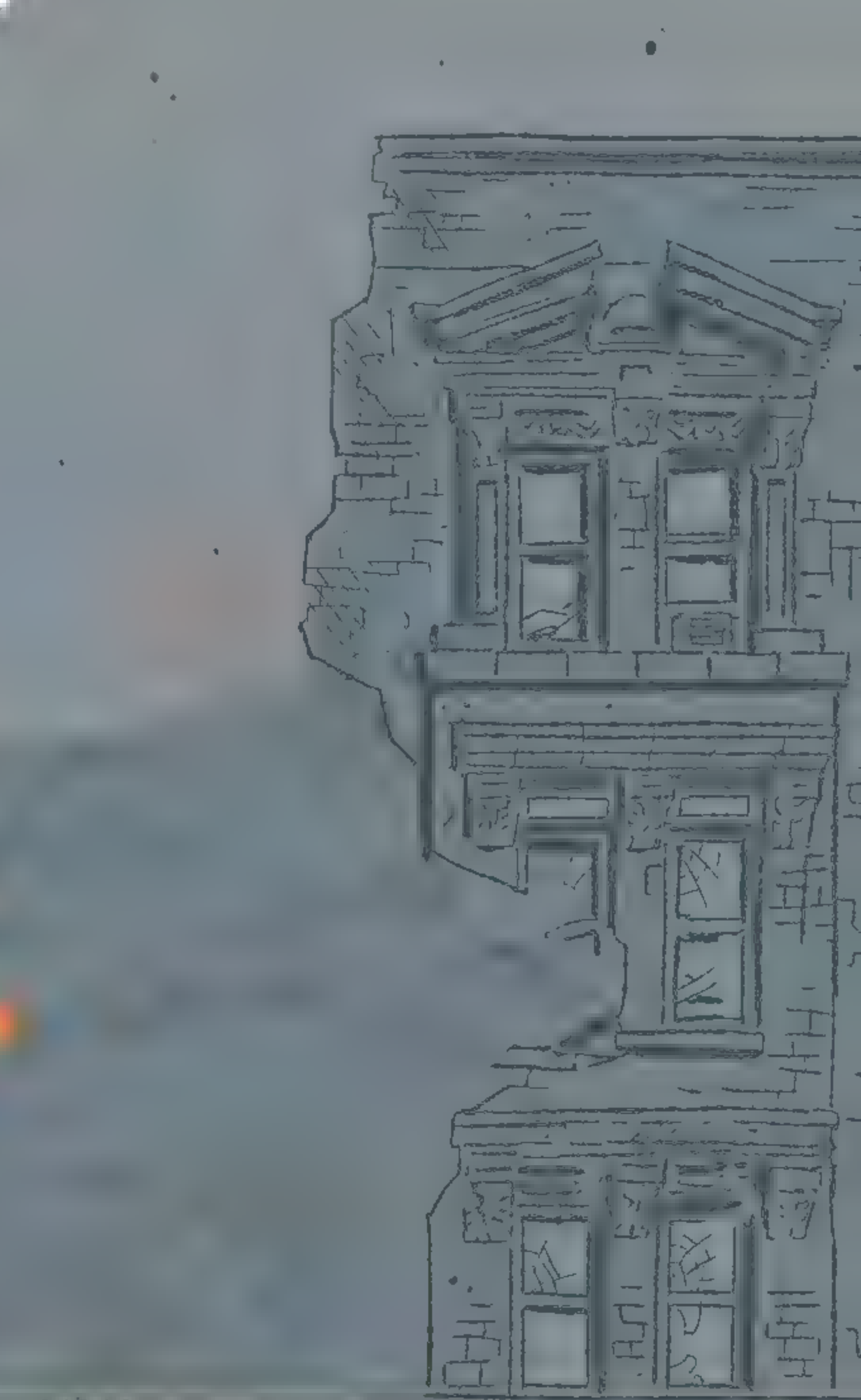
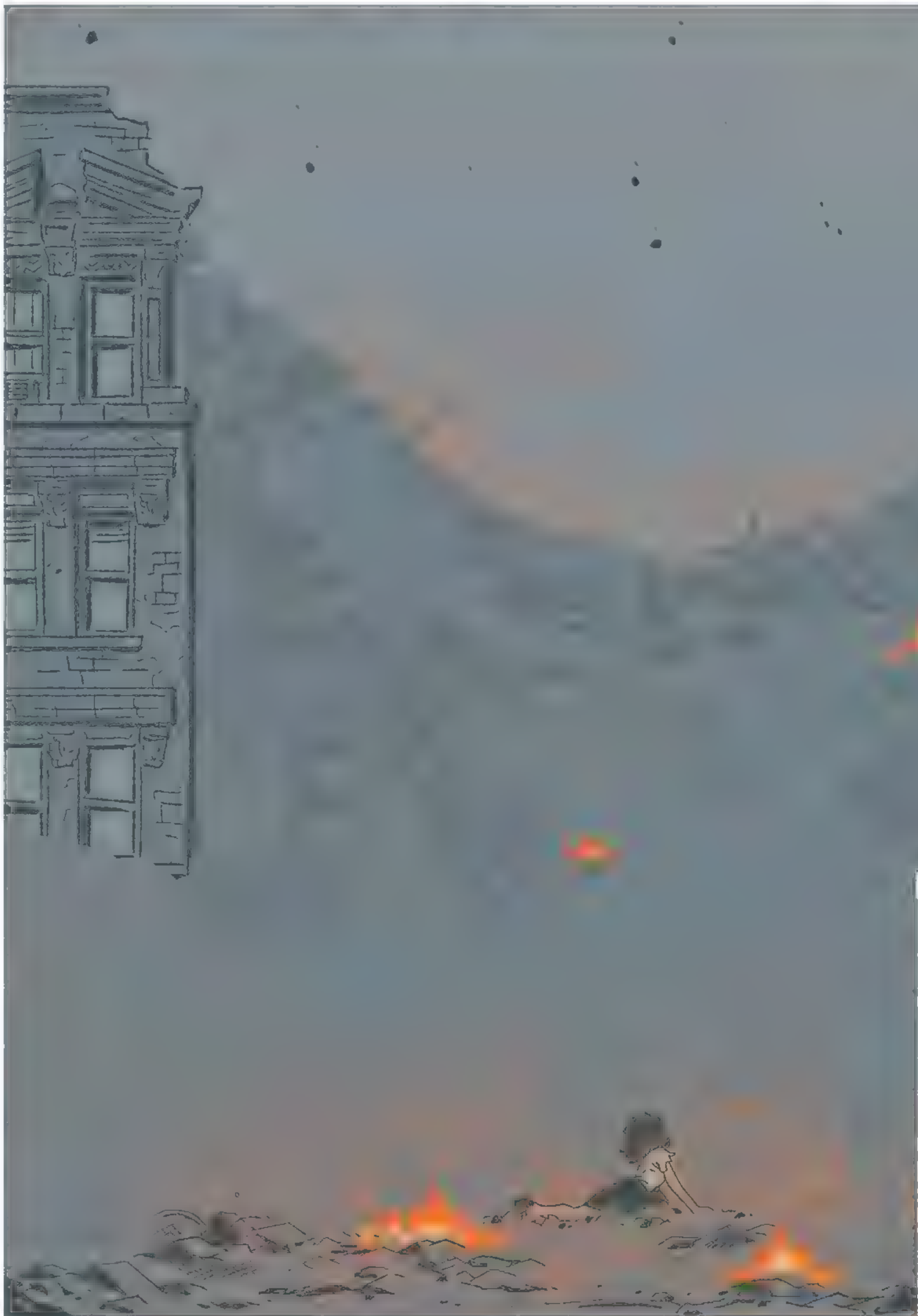
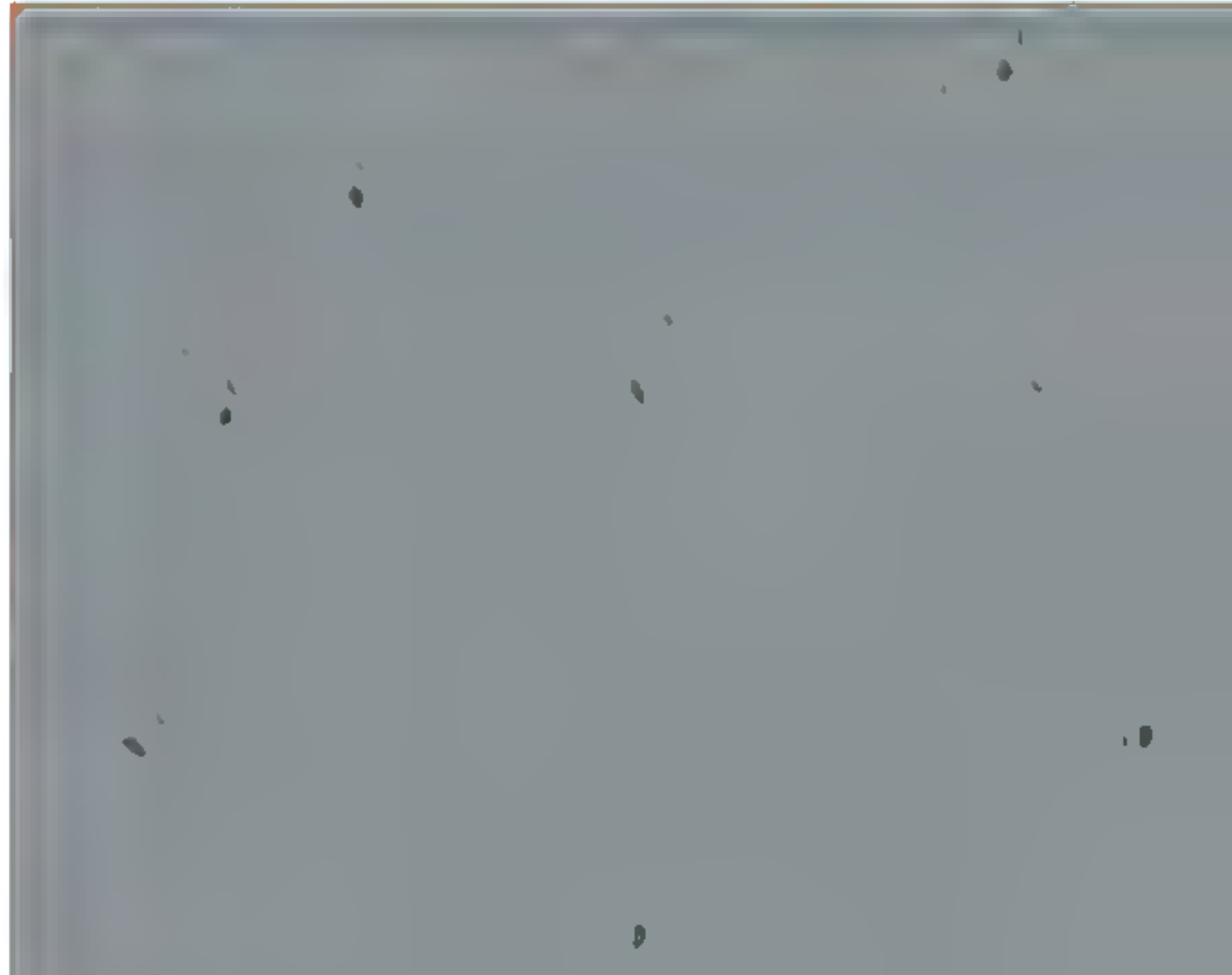
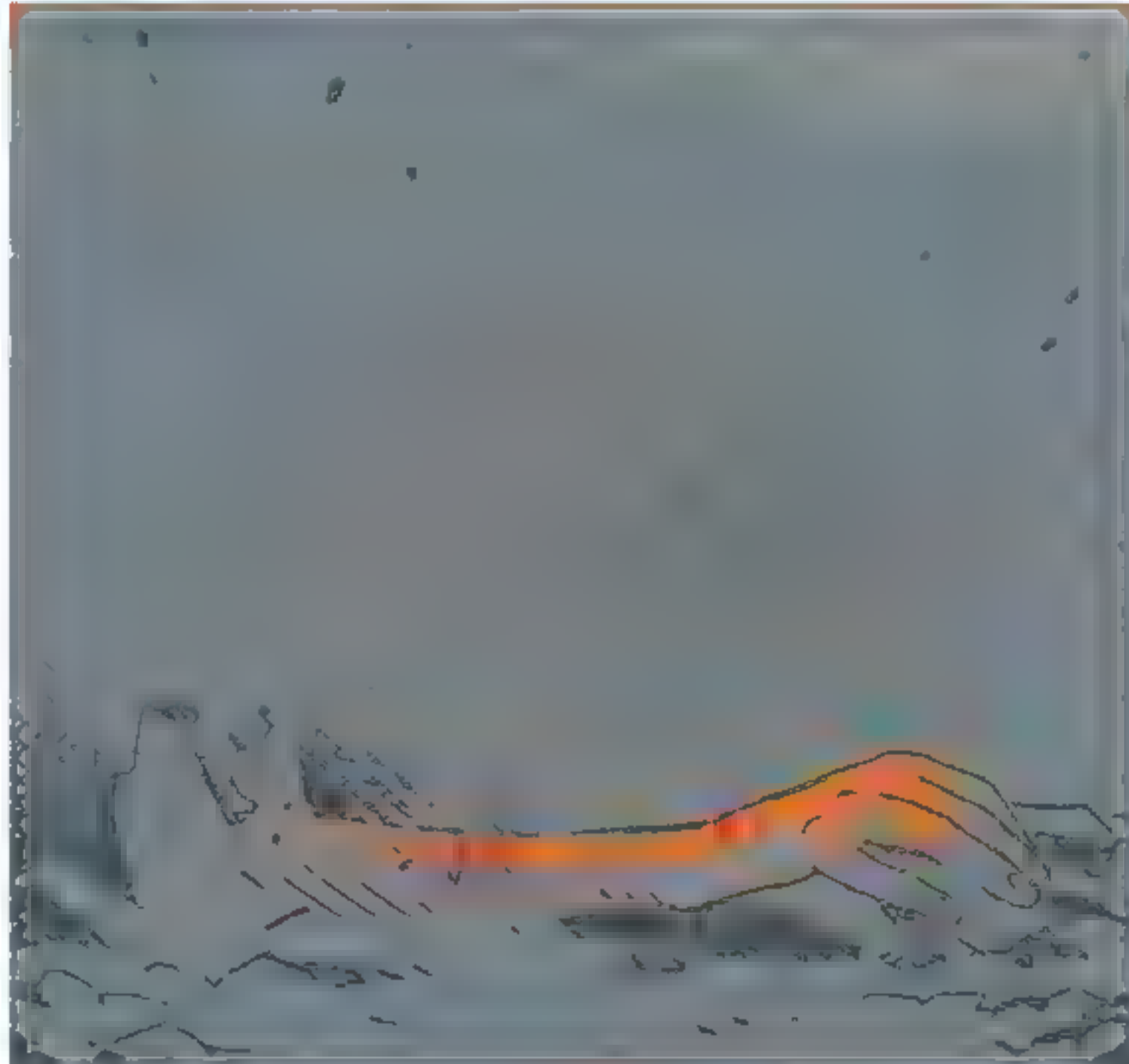
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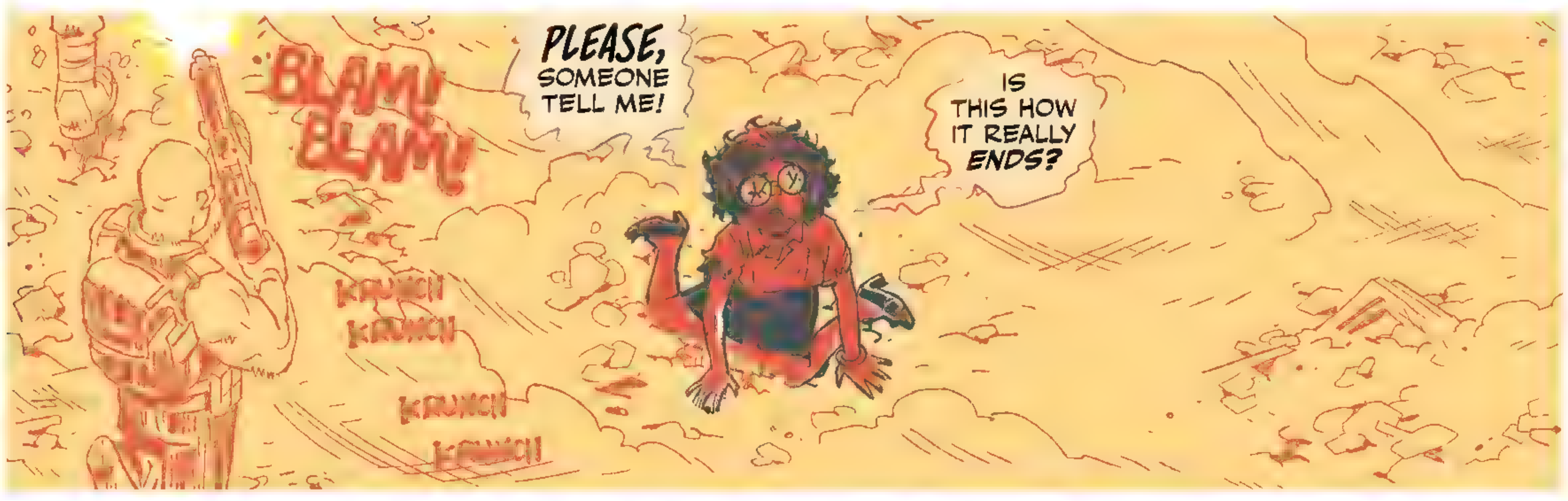
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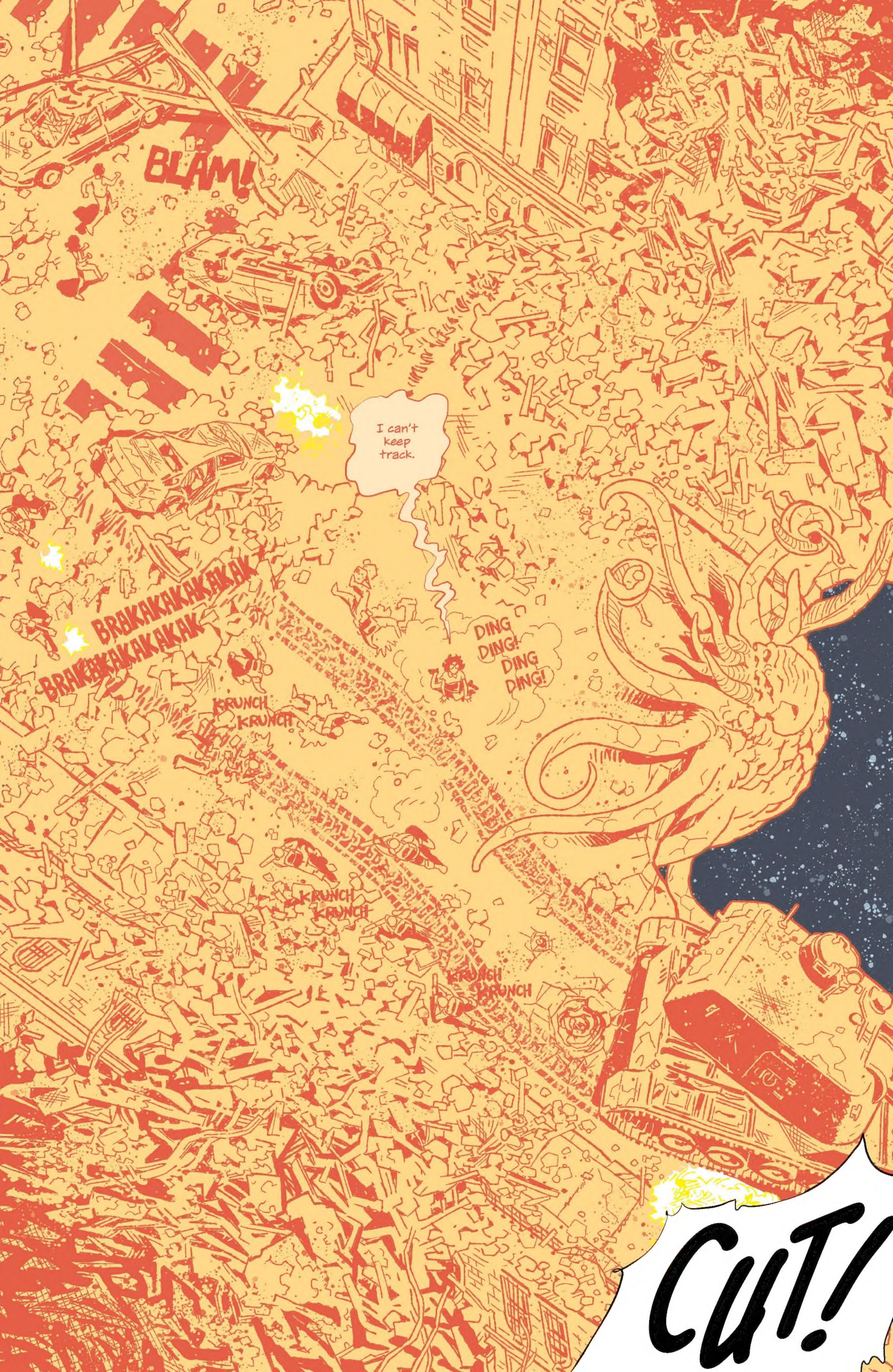












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